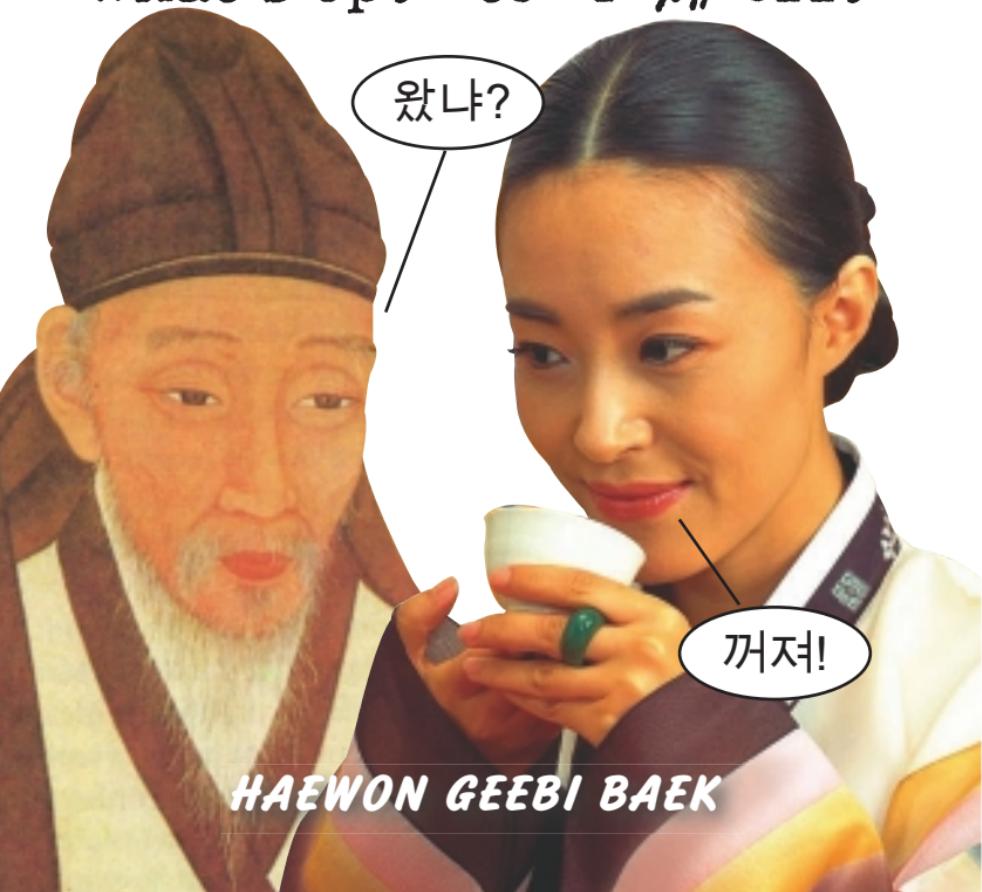


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# USING THIS BOOK

Whether you're an exchange-student headed to Korea to study and broaden your worldview, or a frat bro looking to drink your ass off and feed your raging case of Yellow Fever, you're gonna need to know more than just how to say "hi" and "thank you." You need to be able to order a drink, pick up a date and tell a douchebag to go "suck on your mama's titties" more (*ssibalnom, gaseo eomma jeot-ina deo bbaldawa; 씨발놈, 가서 엄마 젖이나 떠 빙다와!*)!

This book is designed to teach you all those sorts of words, the ones that your professors were too scared to teach you, those phrases too raunchy to appear in any textbook and all those expressions you would never, ever say in front of your mother—in short, all the sayings that you actually give a shit about. Because let's be honest, when was the last time you were hanging out with friends and felt the need to say "I live in the red house. I enjoy tennis. Where is the library?" Nobody talks this way, least of all Koreans, who—once they warm up to you—can be some of the most foulmouthed motherfuckers you'll ever meet. So let's get real for a change.

*Dirty Korean* is the product of a lifetime of vulgar language picked up from lots of bad company and many a poor life

choice—none of which I regret today, however, because it all led to this little gem of a book that I now pass on to you, dear reader. Use it wisely and at your own peril.

It's been arranged thematically, and each English phrase is followed by its Korean pronunciation and written characters. I've also included important and interesting tidbits on Korean culture to give you a better understanding of the phrases, places and social customs you'll encounter during your travels. That's because I'd hate to have you mistake a sarcastic pickup line for a verbal slap-in-the-face and lose your chance at baggin' some hottie. So now, go forth—take your *Dirty Korean* and get dirty with it!

## .....Quick and Dirty Korean Pronunciation

Korean is super easy to read and write once you master the 24 characters that, when put together, make the sounds of the Korean language. If you're a quick learner, you'll probably master them in about an hour. The letters are all geometric shapes that were created by King Sejong in the 1400s.

## TONES

To most foreigners, Korean just sounds angry or whiny. Koreans tend to speak with a stiff intonation, as opposed to the more fluid sounds of English speakers. One way to practice your Korean accent is to drag your tongue at the end of your syllables to make the sounds a little whinier (the tilde after the *hangeul* means you should drag out the syllable).

Annyeong~

안녕~

## CONSONANTS

The Korean alphabet has 14 consonants that are similar to those in English. However, there are double consonants that are pronounced differently. Whenever you see doubled letters, make sure to speak with a strong emphasis that almost make you sound angry.

ㄱ = **g, k**, like in “gorgeous” / ㅋ = kk

ㄴ = **n**, like in “norm”

ㄷ = **d, t**, like in “drum” / ㅌ = dd, tt

ㄹ = **r, l**, like in “rude”

ㅁ = **m**, like in “morning”

ㅂ = **b, p**, like in “breasts” / ㅍ = **bb** like in “pepper”

ㅅ = **s**, like in “sex”/ ㅆ = ss

ㅇ = **ng**, like in “meeting” (but silent if at the beginning of the word)

ㅈ = **j**, like in “joy”/ ㅉ = jj

ㅊ = **ch**, like in “chihuahua”

ㅋ = **k**, like in “key”

ㅌ = **t**, like in “toy”

ㅍ = **p**, like in “punch”

ㅎ = **h**, like in “horny”

## VOWELS

The Korean dialect has 10 vowels. It can be difficult to pronounce them at first because of the subtle similarity of their sounds. But once you get to hang of it, it's pretty easy.

# HOW TO READ KOREAN))

Korean can be written in either the standard Western style (left to right in horizontal rows) or in vertical columns reading from top to bottom and right to left, although the latter is rarely used nowadays.

When actually reading the characters, remember that letters (consonants and vowels) never stand alone—consonants are always combined with a vowel (or a vowel and another consonant) to form syllable blocks. These blocks always start with a consonant followed by a vowel to the right of or beneath it. Note: When the consonant ㅇ is placed at the beginning of a block, it's silent.

You pronounce the sound of each letter in a syllable block from left to right first, then read any letters that are at the bottom half of the block. The bottom letters are called *batchim* (batchim), supporting consonants used at the end of a syllable block to form the sound. For example, ㅎㅏㄴㄱㅡㄹ (*hangeul*). It reads:

ㅎ [h]

ㅏ [a]

ㄴ [n]

ㄱ [g]

ㅡ [eu]

ㄹ [l]

Then try and ㅎㅏㄴㄷㅏ (swipda) = ㅎ [s], ㅏ [wi], ㄴ [p], ㄷ [d], ㅏ [a].

You just said ㅎㅏㄴㄱㅡㄹ, which means “Korean is easy!” The learning's gonna be so fast that you'll be ordering *soju* and negotiating with a prostitute in no time!

ㅏ = **a**, like in “father”

ㅑ = **ya**, like in “yahoo”

ㅓ = **eo**, like in “fuck”

ㅕ = **yeo**, like in “y'all”

ㅗ = **oh**, like in “old”

ㅛ = **yo**, like in “yo mama”

ㅜ = **u**, like in “moon”

**ㅠ** = **yu**, like in “you”

**ㅡ** = **eu**, there is no sound like this in English. Just put your teeth together and pull your lips while you try to make this vowel sound.

**ㅣ** = **i**, like in “lily” or “silly”

Also, Korean vowels combine to make different sounds such as,

**ㅐ** (ㅏ + ㅣ) = **ae**, like in “bayer”

**ㅑ** (ㅏ + ㅑ) = **yae**, like in “yeah”

**ㅔ** (ㅓ + ㅣ) = **e**, like in “never”

**ㅖ** (ㅓ + ㅣ) = **ye**, like in “Yale”

**ㅕ** (ㅗ + ㅏ) = **wa**, like in “wash”

**ㅘ** (ㅗ + ㅏ) = **wae**, like in “whey”

**ㅚ** (ㅗ + ㅣ) = **oe**, also like in “whey”

**ㅙ** (ㅜ + ㅏ) = **wo**, like in “woman”

**ㅞ** (ㅜ + ㅓ) = **we**, like in “wedding”

**ㅟ** (ㅜ + ㅣ) = **wi**, like in “wing”

**ㅕ** (ㅡ + ㅣ) = **ui**, like in “ooh-ee”

# HOWDY KOREAN

HANGUK INSAMAL

한국 인사말

.....Hello

Annyeonghaseyo

안녕하세요

Unlike some languages, it's cool to use Korean slang with complete strangers. But only if you're older than they are. If you're not, or it's questionable, you best stick to formalities and old-fashioned "hellos." Korea is just age-deferential like that. If you're with friends though, all bets are off—feel free to get slangy as you wanna be.

Hi (to same age or younger)

Annyeong

안녕

Yo!

Ya!

야!

**Hey!**

*Imma!*

이마다!

**Good to see ya.**

*Banga banga.*

방가! 방가!

On the phone:

**Hello?**

*Yeoboseyo?*

여보세요?

**Who dis?**

*Nuguseyo?*

누구세요?

## .....What's up?

*Wannya? / Wasseo?*

았나? / 았어?

Like in any language, you always gotta find out how your peeps been doin' when you haven't seen 'em in a while. Don't be too surprised, though, when Koreans talk bluntly about how fat your ass has gotten since they last saw you. Changes to your physical appearance are considered fair game for discussion. Don't be offended. It just is what it is, fatty.

**How ya been?**

*Jal jinaeni?*

작지내니?

**Yeah, I'm good!**

*Eung, jal jinae!*

응, 작지내니!

**Good!**

*Joa!*

좋아!

**So-so.**

*Geunyang geurae.*

그냥 그래.

**Sucky.**

*Guryeo.*

구려.

**Whatcha been up to?**

*Mohago sarannya?*

뭐하고 살았나?

**Long time no see!**

*Oretmaniyeyo!*

오랫만이예요!

**It's been a while.**

*Olman!*

온만!

**You're still alive?**

*Saraisseonnya?*

살아있었나?

**You need to lose  
some weight!**

*Saljom bbaeyagetda!*

살 줄 빼야겠다!

**Your face has gotten  
chubbier!**

*Eolguli tongtonghae!*

얼굴이 통통해!

**Your mom has gotten  
chubbier!**

*Neone eomma saljom*

*jjisyeosseo!*

너네 엄마 살 줄 지셨어!



# .....Goodbye

*Jal jinae~*

잘 지내~

You know how in Hawaiian aloha means both “hi” and “bye”? Well, Korean is the same way. You just have to drag out the end of the word “hello” to make the difference.

## Goodbye (general use)

*Annyeong~*

안녕~

## Goodbye (to a person staying)

*Jalisseo~*

잘 있어~

## Goodbye (to a person leaving)

*Jal ga~*

잘 가~

## Goodbye (when both parties are parting)

*Jal jinae~*

잘 지내~

Literally, “be well.”

## Bye bye

*Bai bai*

拜拜 | 拜拜 |

## See ya!

*Tto boja!*

또 보자!

## Later!

*Najungebwa!*

나중에봐!

## I'm out.

*Na ganda.*

나 간다.

**Be careful!**

*Josimhae!*

조심해!

**.....G'morning!**

*Joeun achim!*

좋은 아침!

The formal ways of saying “good morning” and “good evening” are so long-winded that you might pass out trying to say them in one breath. Better not to risk it. Stick with the more casual ways of greeting friends and family.

**Good morning (formal)**

*Annyeonghi jumusyeoseoyo*

안녕히 | 주무셨어요

**G'morning!**

*Joeun achim!*

좋은 아침!

**Sleep well?**

*Jal jasseo?*

잘잤어?

**It's a beautiful evening!**

*Joeun bam!*

좋은 밤!

**Good evening (formal)**

*Annyeonghi jumuseyo*

안녕히 | 주무세요

**Evenin'**

*Jaja~*

작자~

**Sweet dreams!**

*Joeun kkumkkwo!*

좋은 꿈꿔!

**Dream about me!**

*Nae kkumkkwo!*

내 꿈꿔!

**.....I am sorry**

*Mianhapnida*

미안합니다

Let's be honest: Apologizing blows. And you usually don't even mean it. But it's one of those things that you have to know how to do, even if it's bullshit. But if you have to do it, you might as well have some fun with it.

**Sorry! (informal)**

*Mian!*

미안!

**Forgive me!**

*Yongseohaejwo!*

용서해줘!

**Oops!**

*At!*

앗!

**My bad!**

*Silsu!*

失误!

**No worries.**

*Geokjeonghajima~.*

걱정하지마~.

**It's all good.**

*Da gwaenchana.*

다 괜찮아.

**No problem.**

*Munjae eopsseo.*

문제없어.

**Forget about it.**

*Ljeobeoryeo.*

잊어버려.

**Well excuuuuse me for living!**

*Jugeuljoereuljyeotda!*

죽을 죄를 졌다!

Literally, “I have committed a killing sin!” and is said sarcastically, as in “I’m soooo sorry for what I’ve done to deserve to DIE!”

## .....Please

*Budi / Jebal*

부디 / 제발

Koreans don’t really use the word “please” unless it’s in an extremely formal setting or out of sheer desperation (“Please don’t sodomize me with that rusty ice pick, Sir”). Because “please” isn’t used much in their language, Koreans are often thought to be rude or demanding when they’re in the States. But they’re not; it’s just their language.

**Can you please scratch my back?**

*Nae deung jom geulgeojullae?*

내 등 좀 긁어줄래?

When Koreans ask for something politely, they say the word little (*jom*; 죈), instead of please.

**Can you please do me a favor?**

*Budi butak jom deureojullae?*

부디 부탁 좀 들어줄래?

**Please, accept my heart!**

*Jebal je mameul badajuseyo!*

제발 제 맘을 받아주세요!

# .....Making friends

## *Chingu mandeulgi*

## 친구 만들기

If you want to make friends in Korea, you don't go up to strangers and just start talking to them. That's creepy. Instead, you meet people through internet clubs such as meetup.com or through Facebook events. Also, you can make friends at different clubs in Hongdae or Itaewon while you get drunk and dance with strangers. If you're looking to hook up, clubs are definitely the way to go. Korean girls will throw themselves at

## EXCUSE ME))

## SILLYEHAPNIDA / JAMSIMANYO

## 실례합니다 / 잡시만요

"Excuse me" can be used as an apology or for asking a favor. But don't worry about saying "excuse me" every time you bump into someone in Korea. It's a small country with a high density of people. Shit happens. Just keep walking and pretend like it never happened. Also, don't get offended if some ol' ladies bump into you or cut you off in a subway line. They're trained to be like that all through their existence. These *ajummas*, old ladies, are all like that. Be the better person and smile! Or you can cuss them out and give them a finger. Your choice.

Excuse me

*Sillyehapnida / Jamsimanyo*

실례합니다 / 잡시만요

Literally, "one minute," but you can use this one to get through the crazy crowds in Korea.

Cuse' me

*Sillye~*

실례~

Move out of my way!

*Bikyeo!*

비켜!

Be careful!

*Josim!*

조심!

# INTRODUCING YOURSELF))

## JAGI SOGAE

### 자기 소개

My name is James.

*Nae ireumeun James ipnida.*

제 이름은 제임스 입니다.

I am from America.

*Jeoneun eseo wasseupnida.*

저는 미국에서 왔습니다.

I have yellow fever.

*Jeoneun donyanginman joahapnida.*

저는 동양인만 좋아합니다.

I am 18 years old and full of testosterone.

*Jeoneun yeollyeodealssaligo himi neomchipnida.*

저는 열여덟살이고 힘이 넘칩니다.

I like hairy girls.

*Jeoneun teol maneun yeojaga josseupnida.*

저는 털 많은 여자가 좋습니다.

you if you are a foreigner. They want to learn English and see the big sausages as a bonus. Show them what you've got! It's easier to get laid if you have friends to back you up. So take your fugly wingmen out with you to take the fugly girls out of the equation.

### Meeting

*Miting*

모팅

These are the occasions where a bunch of girls and boys meet for a date, usually for high school and college students.

**Hey, is there a meeting you can set up?**

*Ya, mitingjari eopsseo?*

야, 모팅자리 없어?

**Do you have someone you picked?**

*Jjigeun ae isseo?*

찍은 애 있어?

**Blind date**

*Sogaeting*

소개팅

Can you set me up on a **blind date** with one of your hottie friends?

*Jal saeng-gin chingurang na **sogaeting** sikyeojo?*

작 생긴 친구랑 나 소개팅 시켜줘?

**Arranged blind date**

*Seon*

선

A long time ago, all Koreans had arranged marriages.

Although most people marry out of love nowadays, there still are a few Koreans who are forced by their parents to go through arranged blind dates to meet the “right kind of the other half.”

**Nice to meet you.**

*Mannaseo ban-gapseupnida.*

만나서 반갑습니다.

**What's your name?**

*Ireumi mwoyeyo?*

이름이 뭐예요?

**Have we met before?**

*Uri mannanjeok itnayo?*

우리 만난적 있나요?

**Do you have a light?**

*Laitaisseuseyo?*

라이터 있으세요?

**Do you have the time?**

*Jigeum myeossiyeyo?*

지금 몇시예요?

**How old are you?**

*Naiga eotteoke dwae?*

나이가 어떻게 돼?

**Really? You don't look that old!**  
*Jeongmal? Geureoke an boyeo~!*  
정말? 그렇게 안 보여~!

**Me, too! I'm the same age!**  
*Nado dong-gap!*  
나도 동갑니!

**Let's not talk so formally.**  
*Uri mal noeulkkayo? / Uri yaja tteullkka?*  
우리 말 놓을까요? / 우리 야자 뜯까?

**Do you come here often?**  
*Yeogi jajuwa?*  
여기 자주와?

**Do you want to get a drink?**  
*Uri sul hanjan halkka?*  
우리 술 한잔 할까?

**Where are you from?**  
*Eodiseo wasseo?*  
어디서 왔어?

**Where do you live?**  
*Eodi sara?*  
어디 살아?

**Let's be friends.**  
*Uri chingu halkka?*  
우리 친구 할까?

**What's your phone number?**  
*Jeonhwabeonhoga mwoya?*  
전화번호가 뭐야?

**What is your Cyworld address?**  
*Cyjusoga eottoke dwae?*  
싸이 주소가 어떻게 돼?  
Cyworld is a social-networking site, like the Facebook of Korea.

**Let's go have sex?**

*Uri enjoy halkka?*

우리 이조이 할까?

Literally, "let's enjoy tonight."

## .....Pictures

*Sajin*

사진

Since the digital camera revolution, Koreans have become obsessed with taking pictures. You'll have to be patient when they take pics of their meals before they eat at restaurants, which has become something of a tradition. You can't touch the food before the girls take pictures of it! They'll chop your hands off, so be careful. And if you want to take a photo of some of your Korean friends, know that Koreans have a huge complex about their head/face size. It's common to see people fight over who gets to stand in the background of a portrait to make their head look smaller than everybody else's. That's also why you might see people covering their cheeks with a hand or bangs. And when you pose, don't forget to make the V-for-Victory sign with your hand before the shutter snaps!

**Digital camera**

*Dika*

디카

**Fuck digital cameras!** Mechanical cameras are the best!

*Dijitaleun gaebbul! Sudongi joa!*

디지털은 개뿔! 수동이 좋아!

**Self-taking picture skill**

*Selka*

셀카

Yes, Koreans have a word for this. Even with their short arms they can actually get about four to five people in the picture, including themselves. The best angle for the self-taking pictures according to Koreans is 45 degrees up from your face.

**Cell phone camera**

*Phoneka*

폰카

**Let's take a picture!**

*Sajin jjikja!*

사진 찍자!

**Can you take a picture of me?**

*Sajin jjigeo juseyo.*

사진 찍어 주세요.

**“One, two, three”**

*Hana, dul, set*

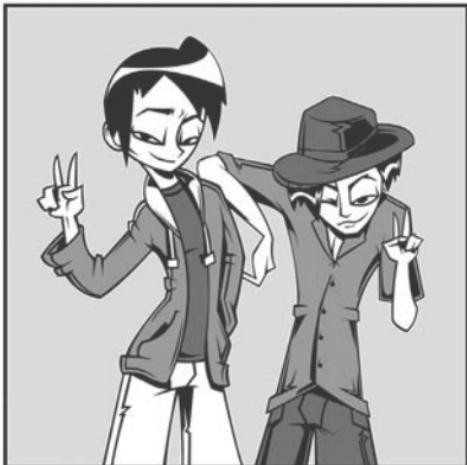
하나 둘 셋

**Cheese**

*Kimchi~*

김치~

Saying *kimchi* is like saying “cheese” when taking a picture in Korea. You can say it to make the perfect smiling face in a picture. This is a must-do, along with the V-for-Victory (or peace sign), when you take pictures.



# FRIENDLY KOREAN

HANGUK CHINGUKKIRI  
HANEUNMAL

## 한국 친구끼리 하는 말

If your only exposure to Koreans is the Hollywood stereotype of a pissed-off liquor store owner with a gun, you may think all Koreans have a bug up their ass. You'd be wrong—Koreans are warm and affectionate people...once you get to know them. But first you'll have to break through the sometimes forceful and angry sounds of the language. If you can do that, you'll find yourself well on your way to some lasting friendships.

### .....Friends

*Chingudeul*  
친구들

Most Koreans have a ton of different friends and acquaintances, and they have a pupu platter of words they use to describe those different relationships. It's no different in the States, really. After all, here you've got your BF or GF,

your BFF, your booty call, your homies, your Facebook friends, and, of course, your WoW avatar friends, who aren't actually real people, let alone real friends.

### **Friend**

*Chingu*

친구

**Are you my real friend?**

*Neo jinja nae **chingu** maja?*

너 진짜 내 친구 맞아?

### **Total stranger**

*Moreuneun saram / Cheoeum bon saram*

모르는 사람 / 처음 본 사람

**That total stranger** smiled all creepy at me!

*Cheom bo neun sarami nabogo jingeurupge useosseo!*

첫 보는 사람이 나보고 징그럽게 웃었어!

### **Acquaintance**

*Aneun saram*

아는 사람

**She's just an acquaintance** from school.

*Hakgyoeseo geunyang **aneun saramiya**.*

학교에서 그냥 아는 사람이야.

### **Classmate**

*Ban chingu*

반 친구

**My stoner classmate** was suspended for smoking weed in math class.

*Nae gateun**ban chingu**ga suhaksiganae daemachopida jeonghak danghaesseo.*

내 같은 **반 친구**가 수학시간에 대마초피다 정학당했어.

### **Coworker**

*Hoesa dongryo*

회사동료

**My coworker** is slacking and giving me all his work.

Nae **hoesa dongiga jakku ireul nahante tteo neomgyeo.**

내 회사 동기가 자꾸 일을 나한테 떠 넘겨.

### Homey

Bural chingu

불암 친구

Literally, “testicle friends,” i.e., you’ve been friends since you were babies when it was all good to see each other’s nutsacks. To be used among men only.

**He's my homey.**

Nae **bural chingu**ya.

내 불암친구야.

### Next-door neighbor

Yeopjip chingu / iut

옆집 친구 / 이웃

**My next-door neighbor** is like **family**.

Nae yupjip sarameun nae **iut sachoniji**.

내 옆집사람은 내 이웃사촌이지.

Literally, “neighbor cousin.”

### Friends from same town

Dongnae chingu

동네 친구

### Study buddy

Gateun gwa chingu

같은 과 친구

This is used for university students referring to friends from the same major.

### School friend

Hakgyo chingu

학교 친구



### Housemate

Dongeoin

동거인



**My housemate farts all day long.**

*Nae **dongeoin** bangu mennal kkyeo.*

**내 동거인 방구 맨날꺼.**

**Roomie**

*Bangjjak*

**방작**

**Hey roomie, stop eating my kimchi and buy your own!**

*Ya, **bangjjak**, nae kimchi meokjimalgo neokkeo sameogeo!*

**야 방작, 내 김치 먹지말고 너꺼 사먹어!**

**BFF (mainly used by girls in grade school)**

*Danjjak*

**단작**

**Best friend**

*Jeil chinhap chingu*

**제일 친한 친구**

**Partner (someone who sits next to you in grade school)**

*Jjakgung*

**작궁**

In Korean elementary schools, students have to sit two abreast in assigned seats. You're stuck with your partner for a whole semester unless the teacher decides to make a seating change. This leads to territorial behavior for your rightful half of the desk, usually demarcated by an invisible line you draw smack dab in the middle. So if your eraser crosses into your partner's domain, the eraser gets cut in half. Be careful where you put your finger.

### **Business work partner**

*Dongeopja*

동업자

### **Soulmate**

*Cheongsaeengyeonbun*

천생연분

### **Crush**

*Jjaksarang*

짝사랑

I have a **crush**.

*Na jjaksarang hagoisseo.*

나 짝사랑 하고 있어.

### **Lovers**

*Aein*

애인

Aren't we **lovers** now?

*Uri ije aein aniya?*

우리 이제 애인 아니야?

### **Boyfriend**

*Namjachingu*

남자친구

Do you have a **boyfriend**?

*Namjachingu isseo?*

남자친구 있어?

### **BF**

*Namchin*

남친

**Girlfriend**

*Yeojachingu*

여자친구

**GF**

*Yeohchin*

여친

**Traitor**

*Baesinja*

배신자

**Hey, you traitor!**

*Ya, i baesinjaya!*

야아! 배신자야!

**Dude**

*Imma / Jjasik*

임마 / 자식

**Dude, where's my car?**

*Imma, nae cha eodinnya?*

임마, 내 차 어디나?

## .....Family

*Gajok*

가족

Family is extremely important to Korean culture. It's just recently that the divorce rate has gone up, resulting in all different types of family dynamics. However, you can't just ignore the old saying, "Blood is thicker than water." Koreans put their family matters before any other business. That's why in some Korean soap operas, a girl might have a baby with a guy she's just met to fulfill a dying grandma's wish ("Tada! Here's your grandson, even though I hate the husband you arranged for me!"). Korean society is heavy-duty with showing respect for elders. At school, being just one year older really creates a huge inequality among students of different ages—it gives the older students the right to lord over the younger

ones. They may order the “youngsters” around and even bully the poor little souls into doing anything they want. Maybe that’s why Korean people can bluntly ask you “How old are you?” the first minute you meet them.

### Mother

*Eomeoni*

어머니

### Mom

*Eomma*

엄마

I swear on my mom being a prostitute if it's not true.

*I yaksox an jikimyeon eommchang!*

○ | 약속 안 지키면 엄창!

Koreans don't have “yo mama” jokes. But when they swear on something important, they swear it on their mother being a prostitute.

### Father

*Abeoiji*

아버지

### Dad

*Abba*

아빠

### Grandmother

*Halmeoni*

할머니

When Grandma comes up in conversation, Koreans distinguish which side of the family (mom's or dad's) their grandparent represents. Dad's mom is called *chinhalmeoni* (친할머니), while mom's mom is referred to as *woehalmeoni* (외할머니).

### Grandma

*Halmae*

할매

This is more affectionate and is used in rural areas.

## SIBLING RIVALRY))

It's considered rude to call your older siblings by their first name. Instead you have to use their honorific titles "Brother" or "Sister." But it's all good for older siblings to call their younger siblings by their first names. Even if a twin sister is just two minutes younger, she still has to address her elder wombmate as "Sister." This curious bit of culture led to the following exchange in *Mary Kate and Ashley Go to Seoul*:

"Mary Kate?"

"Mary Kate?"

"雾霾 케이트?"

"Yes, Sister?"

"Wae eonni?"

"雾, 언니?"

"Get me my bulimia bucket!"

"Na tohage yangdongijom gajigo wa!"

"나 토하게 양동이죽 가지고 와!"

(Mary Kate is extremely unhappy about this.)

(Mary Katega ashleyreul bogo hwareul naenda.)

(雾霾 케이트가 에슈리에게 화를 낸다.)

Brother (what a girl calls her older brother)

*Obba*

오빠

Brother (what a boy calls his older brother)

*Hyeong*

형

Sister (what a girl calls her older sister)

*Eonni*

언니

Sister (what a boy calls his older sister)

*Nuna*

누나

Younger sibling

*Dongsae*

동생

Younger brother / Younger sister

*Namdongsaeng / Yeodongsaeng*

남동생 / 여동생

### **Grandfather**

*Harabeoiji*

하루아이부지

As mentioned above, when discussing Grandpa's noisy farts with friends, be sure to clarify if you're talking about your pop's pop (*chinharabeoiji*; 친하루아이부지) or your mama's papa (*woeharabeoiji*; 웨하루아이부지).

### **Grandpa**

*Halbae*

할باء

### **Stepmother / Stepfather**

*Sae-eomma / Saeabba*

새엄마 / 새아빠

## **.....Titles**

*Hocching*

호칭!

Like with your siblings, it's considered disrespectful to call someone older than you by their first name. So titles like Mr., Mrs. or Miss are typically used when you're not sure of the other person's age or assume they're older than you. This can get you into trouble, though, if you end up addressing a girl with a title when she's actually younger than you. In effect, you've basically called her an old-looking hag and have ruined any chance you had of ever hooking up with her. Congratulations.

The title game is dangerous ground; tread lightly. These ruinous pitfalls can be avoided by calling every woman you may want to sleep with "sweet thang" (*eepeuni*; 이쁜언니). Nothing can possibly go wrong by doing this!

### **Mr.**

*Ajeossi*

아저씨

### **Mr. (not married)**

*Chongak*

총각

Used by older women.

### **Mrs.**

*Ajumma*

아줌마

This term doesn't always refer to married women; it can also be used pejoratively for someone who just looks like a middle-aged housewife.

### **Miss**

*Agassi*

아가씨

This is a woman who looks like she is between the age of a university student and a 30-something.

## -----**Everyday people**

*Maeilboneun saramdeul*

매일보는 사람들

Let's face it, you spend most of your life either in school or working. Yeah, maybe you get a couple of brief retirement years in the sun afterward, but by that point you're already on your way out and drinking Ensure through a straw for dinner while your caretaker wipes the dribble off your chin. So here are a few of the people you'll meet every day on your journey through life as a student or worker in Korea.

### **CEO / Boss**

*Sajangnim*

사장님

**My boss is a real prick.**

*Uri sajangnimeun jinjja jaesuya.*

우리 사장님은 진짜 재수야.

### Secretary

Biseo

비서

The **secretary** is sleeping her way to the top.

Sajangjeo **biseo**rang baramnaseo

seungjinhaennabwa.

사장이 저 **비서**랑 바랐나서 승진했나봐.

### Blue collar

Nodongja

노동자

That CEO looks hella **blue collar**!

Jeo sajangeun dondo maneunde **nodongja** gachi  
eolguri sikkeomae!

저 사장은 돈도 많은데 **노동자** 같아 얼굴이  
시꺼멓!

### Owner

Juin

주인

Store **owners** are such tight asses.

Gagye **juindeureun** jeongmal ssagajiya.

가게 **주인들**은 정말 싸가지야.

### Customer

Sonnim

손님

The **customer** is always right.

**Sonnimeun** wangiya.

**손님**은 왕이야.

### Government workers

Gongmuwon

공무원

**Government workers** can't do anything right.

**Gongmuwon** saekkideul haljulaneunge hanado  
eopsseo.

**공무원** 새끼들 핫줄아는게 하나도 없어.

## Military solider

*Gunin*

군인

It's every Korean man's duty to serve in the military for two years.

**Korean soldiers think they're such hot shit.**

*Hanguk gunindeureun jideuri chwegojinjool ara.*

한국 군인들은 지들이 척고인줄 알아.

## Yankees (American soldiers)

*Migun*

미군

There are thousands of American military members stationed in Korea. They often stick out in a crowd with their high, tight haircuts and loud, drunken antics in bars. There has been tension between Koreans and American soldiers, but now the attitude is of general acceptance.

**All the Yankees are drunken meatheads.**

*Migun sekkideureun da sulchwhian gogideongeoriya.*

미군 새끼들은 다 술취한 고깃덩어리야.

## .....Student life

*Hakchangsijeol*

학장시절

### Teacher

*Sunsaengnim*

선생님

Koreans highly value educated people and it's their passion to get as much education as possible. Being a tutor is one of the most popular jobs in Korea, especially for university students. You're called "teacher" even if you're just tutoring.

**I wanna bone my teacher.**

*Uri ssaem irang neomu hagosipeo.*

우리 선생이랑 너무 하고 싶어.

### Teach! (noun)

*Ssaem!*

쌤!

Don't use this term with uptight teachers.

**Yo, Teach.** Let's get our learn on.

**Eoi, Ssaem,** jom baewo bojago.

어이, 쌤, 좀 배워보자고.

### Tutor

Gwawoe sunsaeng

가위 선생

**My tutor is useless shit head!**

Nae **gwawoe sunsaeng**eu sseulmoeopneun  
meongcheongiya!

내 **가위선생**은 쓸모없는 명청이야!

### Student

Haksaeng

학생

### Senior (in school)

Sunbae

선배

One year of age makes a huge difference in Korea. If you are a grade above your fellow students, you get to use them like slaves!

**The senior is using me like a slave.**

**Sunbae**ga na ddonggaehullyeon sikyeo.

선배가 나 뚱개훈련 씨켜.

### Freshman

Hubae

후배

As a student at the bottom of the age totem pole, you may suffer a bit from senior bullies. But don't worry, your time will come, too!

**Freshmen don't know shit.**

**Hubaedeureun jinja amugeotdo moreunda.**

후배들은 진짜 아무것도 모른다.

### High school kid

Goding

고딩

Is it wrong to be attracted to **high schoolers**?

**Godinghante banhamyeon andwaena?**

고딩한테 반하면 안돼나?

**Middle school kid**

*Jungding*

중딩

**Who's the creeper hanging around the **middle school kids?****

*Jeo **jungding**yeopae dagaoneun byeontae nugunya?*

**저 중딩 옆에 다가오는 뻔태 누구나?**

**Elementary school kid**

*Choding*

초딩!

**Little **elementary kids** are always so snotty.**

*Jwisekkimanhan **choding**deuri hangsang kkabureo.*

**주|새끼|만한 **초딩**들이 | 항상 까불어.**

## .....Characters

*Gaeseongjeogin hangukin*

개성적인 한글인

Unlike America's cowboy, go-it-alone mentality, Korea is very much a group society. You can almost always put anyone into the group they belong in and label them accordingly. Koreans won't be insulted if you stereotype them based on who they hang out with. They feel more comfortable being defined by groups than as individuals. This can be confusing or insulting to politically correct American ears, but it's a real timesaver in Korea.

**Bookworm**

*Gongbubeollae*

공부벌레

**Student**

*Haksaeng*

학생

**Airhead**

*Golbinnom / Nyeon*

곡비노 / 녘

## Wannabe ganster

*Yangachi*

양아치 |

These are immature teenager boys who spend their parents' money on their looks and act like tough, wannabe gansters.

## Ditz

*Nallari*

날리 |

This is a teenager more interested in appearances than studies.

## Snob

*Sokmul*

속물 |

## Bean paste girl (gold digger)

*Doenjangnyeo*

된장녀 |

This term comes from someone who can't distinguish shit from bean paste! A bean paste girl is typically superficial, shallow, materialistic and obsessed with brand-name goods. Some even use their parents' or sugar daddy/mama's money to buy stuff to make themselves look glamorous. Because they're so blinded by brand names, they're ill-equipped to make judgment calls on the actual quality of an item. Therefore, they would even purchase shit if they hear it's a brand-name bean paste.



**The bean paste girl has yet another Gucci bag.**

*Jeo doenjangnyeo tto Gucci bag deurunne.*

저 된장녀 또 구찌백 들었네.

## Pepper paste boy

*Gochujangnam*

고추장남 |

This term applies to boys who have the same qualities as bean paste girls. The word *gochoo* (고추), a Korean red-hot pepper, is a homonym for penis *eumkyeong* (음경). Thus the gender-specific twist!

## **Businessperson**

*Hoesawon*

회사원

Both my parents are **businesspeople** who work for LG.

*Uri bumonim dulda LG **hoesawoniya**.*

우리 부모님 둘다 엔지 회사원이야.

## **Biracial**

*Honhyeora*

혼혈아

## **Foreigner**

*Woegukin*

외국인

Just learn to speak Korean, already, you dumb **foreigner!**

*Ah, hangukkmallohae meongcheonghan **weogukina!***

아, 한국말로 해, 명청한 외국인아!

## **Bum**

*Geoji*

거지

Fuck, I am sick of giving money to **bums**.

*Sibal, **geojideul** hante donjuneungeo jonnaakkawo.*

시발, 거지를 향해 돈주는거 존나 아까워.

## **Fag**

*Homossaekki*

호모새끼

He's a perverted **fag**.

*Jeo jeojilseurun **homossaekki**.*

저 저질스런 호모새끼.

## **Loner**

*Wangtta*

양짜

Also known as *ijime* (이자미), the word used in Japan. In Korea, a loner (usually the weakest link) gets picked on by the entire class. This has become a huge social problem since several bullied

loners have committed suicide. But you know what? It's not as bad as the Japanese *ijime*.

### Police

*Gyeongchal*

경찰

### Cops

*Jjapsae*

찰스

### Gangsta

*Jopok*

조폭

You **gangstas** think you are tough shit?

*Jopok imyeon daya?*

조폭이면 다야?

### Millionaire

*Buja*

부자

My **millionaire** sugar daddy buys me whatever I want!

*Nae buja hogu ajeossi naega wonhaneungeo da sajo!*

내 부자 호구아저씨 내가 원하는거 다 사줘!

### Broke-ass person

*Gananbaengi*

가난뱅이

Quit being such a **broke ass**.

*Ya, don eopneun gananbaengijit geumanhae.*

아, 돈없는 가난뱅이 짓 그만해.

### Unemployed person

*Baeksu / Baekjo*

백수 / 백조

Hey, aren't you partying too hard for an **unemployed person**?

*Ya, baeksu rago neomu noneungeoanya?*

아, 백수라고 너무 노는거 아냐?

## Genius

Cheonjae

천재

**Wow, you are a genius!**

*Wuwa, neo jeongmal cheonjaeya!*

우와, 너 정말 천재야!

## Princess

Gongju

공주

It's nice to be called a princess by your parents when you are five, but if you're still "Princess" when you're a teenager, you've got to admit that you're a conceited bitch.

**You have a serious princess syndrome!**

*Neo simhan gongjubyeongiya!*

너 심한 공주병이야!

Koreans think narcissistic spoiled brats like Paris Hilton are mentally ill, which makes the girls delusional about being a princess, hence "princess syndrome."

## Prince

Wangja

왕자

On the flip side, *wangja* are conceited Korean boys who, in their minds, are perfect princes all the girls want. Wait, don't all the guys think that?

## Average Joe

Pyeongbeomhan saram

평범한 사람

**Don't try to stand out; being an average Joe is the best.**

*Neomu twijimara, pyeongbeomhange choegoya.*

너무 특이마라, 평범한게 최고야.

## Jesus freak

Yesujaengi

예수쟁이

**Jesus freaks think they are married to God.**

*Haneunnimwa gyeolhonhan michin yesujaengideul.*

하는님과 결혼한 마치 예수쟁이들.

# PARTY KOREAN

HANGUKAESUH NOLTTAE  
HANEUNMAL

한국에서 놀때 하는 맛

.....Let's party!

*Uri nolja!*

우리 놀자!

When it comes to partying, Koreans are the Irish of Asia. They even get all red-faced when they get drunk, which is often. Unlike in the States, though, Koreans don't just park it at one bar. They won't stop until they've gone to at least four places to drink *soju*, beer, *makgeolli* (Korean rice drink), wine and hard liquor. In fact, partying is such an integral part of Korean culture that you can't say you've truly experienced Korea until you've gotten drunk as shit off cheap *soju*, performed bad karaoke, then watched yourself on YouTube (thanks to your thoughtful friends) singing and dance to Korean songs you've never heard before.

**Are you up for...**

*Junbi dwaennya...*

준비 됐나...

**partying?**

*nol junbi dwaennya?*

놀 준비 됐나?

**drinking?**

*sul masil junbi dwaennya?*

술 마실 준비 됐나?

**going out?**

*nagal junbi dwaennya?*

나갈 준비 됐나?

**getting wasted?**

*jugeul junbi dwaennya?*

죽을 준비 됐나?

Literally, “Are you ready to die?” Koreans don’t stop drinking until they black out!

**a drink?**

*hanjan hal junbi dwaennya?*

한잔 할 준비 됐나?

**Bottom’s up!**

*Won syat!*

온스畏惧

Literally, “one shot,” alluding to the fact that you don’t get to sip soju in Korea. You drink all of it—or your Korean drinking buddies will push you until you learn to. So learn quick!

**The first round / second round / third round**

*Ilcha / icha / samcha*

이초차 / 이초차 / 삼초차

In the U.S., the first, second and third rounds may be at the same bar, but in Korea each round takes place in a different drinking establishment. As they say in Korea, first is to eat and drink, second is to sing and drink more, and third is to drink even more.

**Do you have a plan?**

*Mo halggeo eopnya?*

뭐 계획가 없나?

Where are you headed?

Eodiga?

어디가?

Let's have a **drink**.

**Sul hanjan haja.**

술 한잔 하자.

Let's go for **round 2**.

**Uri icha gaja!**

우리 이차 가자!

Let's drink **till the end**!

**Uri hanbeon kkeukkaji gabuja!**

우리 한번 끝까지 가보자!

Let's drink **till we die**!

**Uri hanbeon jugeoboja.**

우리 한번 죽어보자.

Do you know any **hot spots**?

**Muljoeun got ara?**

물 좋은 곳 알아?

Let's stay up all night!

**Uri bamsaeja!**

우리 밤새자!

Let's drink just **one more bottle**!

**Uri ttak hanbyeongman deo haja!**

우리 딱 한병만 더 하자!



**Let's play till the sunrise!**

**Hae tteul ttaekkaji nolja!**

**해 뜰 때까지 놀자!**

**Cheers~**

**Geonbae~**

**건배~**

**Cheers to a long and drunken night!**

**Geonbae! Uri jugeoboja!**

**건배! 우리 죽어보자!**

**Cin cin!**

**Jjan!**

**잔!**

**Cin cin to a bottomless glass!**

**Jjan haja!**

**잔 하자!**

**Let's raise a glass.**

**Jan deulja.**

**잔 들자.**

## -----Where Koreans get down

**Nolgeori**

**농거리**

Koreans don't just go on bar crawls. Oh no, they're far more determined about their drunken debauchery than that. After dinner (which itself will feature copious amounts of drinking), on a typical Korean night out, you'll hit up a plethora of bars for a spectacular evening of drunken imbibing before moving onward to a *noraebang*, or karaoke house, where you'll get even more plastered while performing slurred renditions of '80s pop hits. If you're still on your feet after that, you might cap things off at a club for yet more drinking or—if you need to sober up—the *jimjilbang*, a 24-hour sauna where you can leech all that delicious poison out of your body.

## Bar

Suljip

술집

In areas like Hongdae, a district surrounding an artsy university, there are strips of bars catering to your every mood—fusion bars, traditional Korean bars, Westernized bars, Japanese bars and karaoke bars. If you don't like the joint you've meandered into, just pick up and move on to the next!

## Karaoke house

Noraebang

노래방

Your voice might suck, but honestly, in Korea nobody gives a shit. Karaoke is something of a Korean national pastime, and it's always done in private rooms where you can butcher Journey songs with nobody but your friends around to make fun of you. And it only costs about \$10 an hour to rent a room!

You sing well.

*Norae jom hane.*

노래 좀 하네.

## Club

Club

클럽

Guys and girls from 18 to 30 go to the club to dance their asses off. (Well, dancing your ass off you can do at home in front of your mirror—I don't want to see any jiggly asses). If you are looking for a hot one-night stand, a drunken friend you won't remember the next day, or if you are just plain too drunk to care, there are great clubs all over. Note: Since techtonic is so hot in Korea, all the clubs will play similar music. Hongdae's filled with tons of options, but Itaewon's the place to go if you are looking for Korean girls ready to throw themselves at handsome foreigners. It's also the place to go to if you are sick of short yellow faces with straight black hair—all the foreigners hang out there. Gangnam's another good place to check out; it's also home to two well-known hip-hop clubs, Harlem and NB.

Are there any hot girls at the club?

*Clubbe muljoa?*

클럽에 물 좋아?

## **ID check / dress code check**

*Mul gwalli*

물걸리

Bouncers in Korea do an ID check and, more importantly, enforce a dress code. So you better look bangin' if you want to get in!

## **Nightclub**

*Night*

나잇 | 나이트

The difference between nightclubs and clubs is a fat wallet. At clubs, guys can use charm and dance skills to hook up. But if men want to expend less energy on the game and have some Benjamins to throw around, they head to the nightclubs, typically referred to as "night." All the girls are hotties who get free admission and drinks because, well, they're hotties. Guys shell out a ridiculously high cover to enter and then they also get to pay for all the drinks inside. But all that green being thrown around means you get to stare at, talk to and/or dance with the pretty thangs all you want. You can even ask a waiter to bring your favorite girl to your table—without fear of a "no way, Jose."

## **Booking**

*Booking*

북킹

This nightclub practice involves tipping waiters who will then escort women to men's tables, where chicks imbibe expensive drinks in exchange for their company. The crazy thing is that even though the babes know what's going on, the chosen women still put up a show of resistance, you know, for modesty's sake. While a female might "book" a guy, it's pretty rare (she'd probably be considered a ho, and therefore undesirable). Of course men do try to get the women drunk enough to leave the club for more intimate places. Wink, wink!

## **Club promoter**

*Bbikki*

₩ | ₩ |

Club promoters often approach you on the street with special offers or promotions.

## **Playground**

*Noriteo*

놀이터

There are playgrounds in nearly every apartment complex in Korea and they often turn into gathering places for underage teenagers to get together and drink at night.

## **Rooftop**

*Oksang*

옥상

Seoul is covered by tall apartment buildings. Most of them are over 25-floors tall; it's fun to sneak up to the rooftop of the building and party like a rock star above the city.

## **Sauna**

*Jjimjilbang*

찜질방

Korean saunas, with partitioned bathhouses for men and women, are open 24/7. Normally used for family nights, saunas have different common areas to choose from: one room may have PCs or DVDs, another manicures or massages. You can even pick up a snack or sleep here—like if you are too drunk and broke to catch a cab home. It's only about \$10 a night, and you'll even look pretty presentable the next day.

## **Playroom**

*Noribang*

놀이방

Teenagers rent these common rooms at motels; each comes complete with a shower, a bed, and a PlayStation. It's a great place to meet up and chill. You can even throw a fabulous party here—just add balloons, ribbon, dresses and, of course, booze.



## **PC café**

*PC bang*

파|서|방

A PC café provides some of the fastest Internet service in the world. Kids love to go here to play video games. You can even catch some gamers skipping school to play online games here. Fan of WoW? Check out the PC cafés.

## **Manga café**

*Manhwabang*

만화방

These are like Korean libraries for people who like to dick off reading magazines and Manga instead of studying. You can smoke and eat in here, too.

## **Video room**

*Bidiobang*

비|디|오|방

These rooms with a couch and a TV are where underage students go to supposedly watch movies but really just end up having sex.

## **Wine bar**

*Wainba*

와인바

Sophisticated white collar people (i.e., pretentious jerks) like to eat at these elegant wine bars. Take your girlfriend to a glamorous wine bar with eye-poppingly high prices, and she just might give you what you've been waiting for.

## **Hof**

*Hopeu*

호프

This is a bar/restaurant geared toward drinking and eating. This is from the German word *hoff* meaning a “place.”

## **Trailer bar**

*Pojangmacha*

포장마차

Trailers are typically outdoor tents on wheels that provide street food like chicken feet and soju. These places are usually open until 4 or 5 in the morning, and they’re where Koreans without a lot of money go to get drunk and talk to friends.

# .....Totally wasted

*Sul chwiham*

술 취한

Koreans don't fuck around when it comes to getting their drink on. Getting plastered is an art in Korea, and certain customs must be followed. For instance, it's traditional that someone else at the table pours your drink (and you theirs)—it's a gesture of respect and friendship. If you do it yourself, you're rejecting this. So be sure to keep a steady supply of friends on hand, because unless you're a pussy lightweight, you're gonna need a lot of drinks poured your way.

**Holy shit, I'm...**

*Ssibal, na...*

씨발, 나...

**a little tipsy.**

*jom ejireowo.*

줌 어지러워.

**smashed.**

*gondeurae mandeurae.*

곤드래 만드래 .

**trashed.**

*manchwi.*

만취.

**plastered.**

*kkoratda.*

꼴았다.

**hammered.**

*Kkwaladwaetda.*

깥라쳤다.

**I am buzzed!**

*Na chwihaneungeo gata!*

나 취하는거 같아!

## FAMOUS DISTRICTS IN SEOUL))

### YUMYEONGHAN GOT

#### 유명한 곳

Hongdae

홍대

The Hongdae district is known for its clubs and for creative types selling their homemade jewelry on the street (read: Korean hippies). It's kinda like Korea's version of Berkeley with more clubs and bars. (Can you imagine that?)

Apgujeong

압구정

Home to many celebrities, Apgujeong is the Beverly Hills of Korea. It's great if you like shopping centers and overpriced cafés.

Myeongdong

명동

This famous area features huge malls with cheap goods as well as some street shops great for exploring. It's where most Japanese tourists come to buy stuff so if you are a shopper, you have to check it out. But if you're looking for brand names and high quality, you're in the wrong place—Koreans are known for producing brand imitations and this venue showcases many of these knockoffs.

Men aren't supposed to use the word "drunk" in Korea. So even if you are, just act like everything is fine and pretend you can hold your liquor.

I blacked out last night.

Na eoje pileum kkeunkkyeosseosseo.

나 어제 피울 끌겼었어.

I am about to throw up.

Na ssollyeo.

나 쏙여.

I'm gonna hurl.

Na ssonneunda.

나 쏟는다.

Insadong

인사동

Insadong features traditional Korean shopping centers where you can buy souvenirs and other touristy crap for your family and friends. They also have a lot of old-fashioned teahouses where you can experience authentic Korean tea, if you need somewhere to bring your parents or someone you're trying to impress.

Yeouido

여의도

Seoul's business and administrative center, Yeouido has plentiful public parks that attract weekend bicyclists and bladers. And the views of the country's famous Han River are spectacular.

Olympic park

*Olympic gongwon*

올림픽 공원

The stadium and surrounding park were built for the 1988 Summer Olympics. On weekends, families and friends come out here to picnic and bike.

North gate / East gate

*Namdaemun / Dongdaemun*

남대문 / 동대문

These gates mark Seoul's original borders. Now there are 24-hour shopping districts here. Isn't modernization great?

I have to **vomit**.

*Na to haeyahae.*

나 토 해야해.

I just **blew chunks** everywhere.

*Na jigeum bburyeosseo.*

나 지금 뿐였어.

You are **slurring**.

*Nu hyeo kkoinda.*

너 혀 꼬인다.

# .....Booze

*Sul*

술

In Korea, you never refuse a drink poured by an elder (you know, that whole age-hierarchy thing again). So if you're partying with older friends, you may be in for a rough night. Hopefully they'll take pity on you and stop pouring your drinks before you end up taking a transvestite to a love motel. But if they don't, at least you'll have a funny story to tell the next day. That, and lots and lots of shame.

**Gimme a ...**

... *juseyo*.

... 주세요.

**soju.**

*Soju*

소주

The ubiquitous *soju*, traditionally made with rice, is Korea's answer to vodka. It's cheap and will get you fucked up. A lot of celebrities shell out big money for special *soju* brands, but they're all just basically watered-down versions of American vodka.

**Order me another yogurt soju—I haven't passed out yet.**

*Ya, yogut soju hanbyung duh cikuh! Na a-jig jungsin maljanghae.*

야, 요구르트 소주 한병 더 시켜! 나 아직 정신 마찰장애.

**unfiltered rice wine.**

*Makgeolli / Takju*

막걸리 / 탁주

A cloudy concoction that's historically been a farmer's drink, this Korean sake has just recently become en vogue with the younger generation. It's cheap, sweet and best served with *buchimgae*, Korean pancakes.

**beer.**

*Maekju*

맥주

Popular Korean beers include Hite and OB. Drink it cold with Korean fried chicken and you're in business!

**liquor.**

*Yangju*

양주

A term that describes any drink coming from the west: wine, brandy, whiskey, vodka, etc.

**Korean sake.**

*Jeongjong*

정종

**Korean medicine drink.**

*Baekseju*

백세주

*Baekseju* is actually a brand of *soju* made for girls who can't tolerate the smell and taste of "regular" *soju*. This sweet drink, flavored with ginseng, is actually good for you if you limit your drinking to a bottle or less (like that ever happens).

**Eunjung Kim's such a lightweight, she only drinks Korean medicine drink.**

*Kim Eun-jung eun neomu swipge chwihanda.*

***Baekseju*man masine.**

깊은정은 너무 쉽게 죽어한다. 백세주만 마시네.

**raspberry drink.**

*Bokbunja*

복분자

This tends to be popular with the ladies due to its sweetness. It's also supposedly viagra-in-a-bottle for guys (but if you drink too much of it, you'll be too shit faced to get it up, so take your chances).

# .....Drinking games

*Sul game*

술 게임

These games are extremely popular in Korea. They're like beer pong, but they're done at a bar and usually played sitting down.

**The Game of Death**

*Deo game ob desseu*

더 케임어브 데트

A group will often start out with this game to get each other drunk fast. It's pretty much a no-brainer: You chant "the game of death" and point at someone you'd like to see drunk. The one with most fingers pointed at has to drink. It's crude but effective at getting everyone fucked up.

**Titanic (aka, Sake Bomb)**

*Titanic*

타이타닉

This is like a sake bomb (with *soju* instead). But you don't just make a *soju* bomb (*poktanju*) and down it—all drinkers participate in creating the Titanic. First, pour half a glass of beer. Then put an empty *soju* glass inside the glass of beer. People then take turns pouring as much *soju* as they want into the beer glass. The person who sinks the *soju* glass has to drink the whole thing. Bottom's up!

**Black Rose**

*Heukjangmi*

흑장미 |

The exact opposite of the Black Night, this is when a man finds a woman to take a shot for him in a drinking game. But if she refuses, he has to take double shots.

**King Game**

*King game*

킹 게임

Gather chopsticks (yes, Koreans eat with chopsticks, so you would have them) equal to the number of participants (e.g., five

players = five chopsticks). Put the letter “K” (for “King”) on one chopstick then number the remaining chopsticks, starting with 1. Each person then picks a chopstick. The person with the K-chopstick can make the others do whatever he or she wants. For example, the king can make number 1 and 4 kiss each other. If you are both dudes, well, enjoy the hot breath.

### **Black Knight**

*Heukgisaa*

흑기사

This is when a woman finds a man to take a shot for her while playing a drinking game. The girl normally has to do a favor for him afterward (sexual or otherwise).

### **3, 6, 9**

*Sam yuk gu*

삼육구

Everyone goes around counting up from 1. You clap on every number that contains 3, 6, and 9. If you fail to clap or say your number, you chug.

### **The Baskin Robbins 31**

*Baskin Robbins Sseotiwon*

베스킨 로빈스 써리원

Someone starts counting from 1, and the next person continues counting, in order, saying either 1, 2 or 3 numbers per turn. So if you begin by saying “1” the next player can say “2,” “2, 3” or “2, 3, 4.” The person who gets to 31 has to drink.

## **.....Taking it easy today**

*Oneureun swillae*

오늘은 쉴래

Your liver can only take so much abuse before it goes into revolt. So when you’ve had enough and can’t take another night of hard living at the *noraebang*, try some of these phrases out on your new friends and then prepare yourself to be called several iterations of the word “pussy.”

I am dying from a **hangover**.  
**Sukchi** ttaemune jugeulkkeo gata.  
숙취 때문에 죽을꺼 같아.

I'm still drunk from last night.  
*Eoje masin sule ajikdo chwiholesseο.*  
어제 마신 술에 아직도 취해 있어.

I think I have **cirrhosis**.  
Na **ganyeom** inneungeo gata.  
나 간엽있는것 같아.

It's too much, **count me out**.  
*Oneureun bbaejo, na himdeureo.*  
오늘은 빼줘, 나 힘들어.

**Pass.**  
Oneureun **pass**.  
오늘은 **파스**.

See you **next time**.  
**Da-eume** boja.  
다음에 보자.

I need to go home **early**.  
Na jibe **iljjik** gabwaya dwae.  
나 집에 일찍 가봐야 돼.

My **curfew** is 10.  
**Tongeumi** yeolsiya.  
통금이 10시야.

I'm just gonna **chill** tonight.  
Nan oneul geunyang **swillae**.  
난 오늘 그냥 놀래.

I'm a bed-wetting little girl and I **can't handle my liquor**.  
Na **aegiraseo sul mot masyeo**.  
나 애기라서 술 못 마셔.

# .....Drugs

*Mayak*

마약

Unlike in America where there's a pill for everything, Korean culture isn't big on drugs, recreational or otherwise. Even over-the-counter medications like pain relievers aren't widely used. That's not to say that nobody does drugs in Korea. It's just not a mainstream thing that you hear talked about a lot.

**Have you ever tried **drugs**?**

*Neo mayak haebwasseo?*

네 마약 해봤어?

**Weed**

*Daemacho*

대마초

Although weed is generally a pretty harmless drug and treated as such in most of the world, in Korea it falls under into the same category as hard drugs like cocaine and heroin, and the cops treat it all the same. That's right, a measly little joint could add up to serious jail time—so toke at your own risk.

**Where can I get some **weed**?**

*Daemacho eodiseo guhalsu isseo?*

대마초 어디서 구할수 있어?

**Pot**

*Tteol*

떡

**Pothead**

*Tteoljaengi*

떡장이

Most hard drugs get imported into the country through foreigners or Korean students who study abroad. So college parties would likely be your best bet if you're looking for a hookup.

# CIGARETTES))

## DAMBAE

담배

Cigarettes are very popular in Korea. Not surprising, since every other drug is so hard to get. And at just \$2 a pack, how can you not smoke them? Korean cigs are not as toxic as the usual U.S. brands (like Marlboro), probably because most of the brands are charcoal-filtered. There are TONS of different brands in Korea but these are a few of the most popular that are widely available:

This

*Dis*

디스

Kids love This because of its chic design and smooth taste.

Raison

*Rejong*

레종

Another youth favorite, especially with first-time smokers who wanna fit in with other smokers.

Esse

*Esse*

에세

These affordable slim sticks are popular with women.

88

*Palpal*

팔팔

An old standby, 88 is one of the original cigarette brands in Korea. Most of the older generation smokes this high-octane, addictive cig—what doesn't kill you will make you stronger.

Time

*Time*

타임

This is another long-time ciggy favored by OGs—longevity in the market goes a long way when it comes to brand loyalty.

## Heroin

*Heroin*

헤로인

**Horse (heroin)**

*Hirobbong*

하 | 로 봉

**Why is she acting like she's on the horse?**

*Jeonyeon wae **hirobbong** han haengdongeul hanya?*

저년 애 하 | 로 봉 한 행동을 하나?

**Coke**

*Cokein*

코 케이인

**Crack**

*Matgannom / Matgannyeon*

맛간노 / 맛간년

**That girl ain't nothing but a crackhead.**

*Jeonyeon wanjeon **matgannyeon**ine.*

저년 안전 맛간년이네.

**Ecstasy**

*Exteossi*

엑스터시

You can get this at a lot of clubs in urban areas if you know the right person.

**Addiction**

*Jungdok*

중독

**Addict**

*Jungdokja*

중독자

**Can you be addicted to weed?**

*Daemachoë **jungdok** dwelsu isseo?*

대마초에 중독 될 수 있어?

**Junky**

*Mayakjaengi / Yakjaengi*

마약쟁이 / 약쟁이

**Some junky just offered to suck my dick for crack.**

*Eotteon yakjaengiga jigeum mayak jumyeon **oral** haejugetde.*

**어떤 약정이 가 지금 마약 주면 오락 해주겠데.**

### Korean Crazy Glue

*Bbondeu*

**본드**

Since illegal substances are hard to obtain, Koreans love to get high off of everyday items that you can get from hardware stores, such as crazy glue and butane gas.

**Do you want to get high with crazy glue?**

*Bbondeu bbalgo **bbyong galika**?*

**본드 빙고 봉 각가?**

**I huffed some glue.**

*Bbondeu **bbarasseo**.*

**본드 빙았어.**

### Butane gas

*Butan gas*

**부탄가스**

**I went crazy after huffing butane gas.**

*Butan gas **masigo** dorasseo.*

**부탄가스 마시고 둘았어.**

# BODY KOREAN

HANGUKSEO WOEUMOE  
GWANHAE YAEGIHANEUN  
MAL

한국에서 외모에 관해  
얘기하는 막

## .....The Korean ideal

*Hanguk minam mi-in*

한국 미남 미인

Koreans are increasingly adopting Western ideals of beauty. They want to be taller and skinnier, possess a higher and pointier nose, and have whiter skin. In fact, Westerners are big hits in Korea. So if you're striking out in the good ol' U.S. of A. because you're not "exotic looking" enough, you might be a home run in Korea. But if you're hoping to find a Korean who will love you for your inner beauty, wake up. Koreans are very superficial. So superficial, in fact, that the nation ranks number one in plastic surgery per capita.

As mentioned above, Koreans want to look more Western. Korean men want to look like Michelangelo's statue of David and women want to be Venus. So naturally, Koreans all want different eyes, noses, mouths and ears than they already have.

### Facial features

*Imokgubi*

이목구비

**He has striking features.**

*Geueui eolgureun imokgubiga ttoryeothae.*

그의 얼굴은 이목구비가 또렷해.

### He / She is...

*Geuneun / Geunyeoneun...*

그는... / 그녀는...

cute.

*gwiyeopda.*

귀엽다.

pretty.

*yaebbeuda.*

예쁘다.

beautiful.

*areumdapda.*

아름답다.

sexy.

*ssekshihada.*

섹시하다.

good looking. (men)

*minamida.*

미남이다.

good looking. (women)

*minyeoida.*

미녀이다.

popular.

*ingiga jota.*

인기가 좋다.



**skinny.**

*mallatda.*

막았다.

**tall.**

*kigakeuda.*

ugi gak da.

**ripped. (too muscular)**

*urakburak hada.*

우락부락 하다.

This has a negative connotation in Korean.

**buff.**

*tantanhada.*

탄탄하다.

**voluptuous.**

*jjukjuk bbangbbang hada.*

쭉쭉뚱뚱 하다.

**handsome.**

*jal saengyeotda.*

잘 생겼다.

**metrosexual.**

*kkonminam i da.*

꽃미남이다.

Literally, “flowerly handsome.” Many Korean women fantasize about their men being pretty and having girly faces. It’s common to see popular male singers dressed up and wearing makeup like women.

**He / She is a...**

*Geuneun / Geunyeoneun ...ida.*

그는 / 그녀는 ... 이다.

**natural beauty.**

*jayeon mi-in*

자연 미인

**plastic surgery beauty.**

*seonghyeong mi-in*

성형 미인

**multi-talented beauty.**

*palbangmi-in*

파랑미인

This term refers to someone who is talented in many areas and beautiful. You know, those people you want to hate but you can't because they're also nice and gentle. Well, Koreans have a nice word for those nice people. I personally hate them.

**pole.**

*jeonbotdae*

전봇대

**string bean.**

*kkeokdari*

꽈다리

A person so tall that they can be bent and still be tall.

**fat ass.**

*ttungttaengi*

뚱땡이

**wild, sexy man.**

*yaseongnam*

야성남

Though the metrosexual look is popular, the manly man look has been gaining steam thanks to a recent spate of seminude celebrities showing off their buff guns on TV.

**He / She has...**

*Geuneun / Geunyeoneun...gajigoitda.*

그는 / 그녀는 ... 가지고 있다.

**a small face.**

*jageun eolgul*

작은 얼굴을

**a beautiful face.**

*eoljang*

얼짱

Literally, “face number one” or “face the best.” *Eol* ( 얼 ) is shorthand for *eolgul* (얼굴; face) while *jiang* (장) means “number one” or “the best.” You say, “she is the best face” *guenye nuen eoljang i da* (그녀는 얼짱이다).

**a beautiful nose bridge.**

*ottokhan koreul*

오똑한 코 른

Have you seen any genetics-defying high and pointy noses on Korean friends you have in the U.S.? Korean noses are usually very small and flat, so if you see a straight nose bridge leading up to a pointy nose tip (longer than 2 cm), it tells you one of two things: Either he or she is really lucky, or it's a beautiful product of the knife. The procedures are expensive, so don't throw balls around these surgically altered schnozes.

**big eyes.**

*keun nuneul*

큰 눈 인

**long legs.**

*long darireul*

롱 다리 른

**a great body. (same as voluptuous)**

*esseu line-eul*

에스 라인 인

**an awesome body.**

*momjang*

ሙ 짱

This is another word better used as "he is an awesome body." Say *geuneun momjangida* (그는 묘 짱이 담다) instead. The other way just sounds cheesy anyways.

**a killer body.**

*aju jugineun momeul*

아주 죽이 는 뮤 인

**big guns.**

*tantanhah pareul*

딴딴한 꽃 인

**washboard abs.**

*chocolate baereul*

초콜렛 배 인

This is when a guy has six pack that resembles a Hershey's chocolate bar.

# PLASTIC SURGERY)) SUNGHYEONG SUSUL 성형 수술

Plastic surgery is really popular in Korea. It was considered shameful when people first started getting it done back in the '80s, but today it's a lot more acceptable and people are pretty open about their surgeries. This cosmetic boom was driven by widespread superficiality in a country with top-quality surgeons charging very affordable prices. But all this surgery is starting to have some very creepy results now that many celebrities are starting to become indistinguishable from one another.

Eyelid surgery

*Ssangkapul susul*

쌍가풀 수술

This surgery is the most common procedure Koreans try to look more "Western."

Nose job

*Ko susul*

코 수술

Boob job

*Gaseum susul*

가슴 수술

Lipo

*Jibang heubipsul*

지방흡입술

Botox

*Botocs / jureum jegeo*

보톡스 / 주름 제거

Did you go **under the knife?**

*Neo eolgure kal dennya?*

너 얼굴에 칼 끊었나?

There's a really gnarly video on YouTube of a Korean woman who got obsessed with plastic surgery and injected sesame oils into her face. It's gross. Check it out.

**honey thighs.**

*kkulbeokjireul*

꿀벅지른

**a six pack.**

*sixpaekuel*

씩스팩을

## .....The Korean ugly

*Hangook poktan*

한국 폭탄

In general, Koreans are a pretty sexy group of people. And if you had to choose just one nationality to sleep with for the rest of your life, you could do a lot worse than to choose Koreans. But despite the overall attractiveness of its people, Korea does harbor a few outliers. And by “outliers” I mean butt-ugly fatties that should never, ever reproduce.

**He / She is...**

*Geuneun... / Geunyeoneun...*

그는... / 그녀는...

**unattractive.**

*mot saengyeotda.*

못생겼다.

**fugly.**

*maejuda.*

매주다.

Literally, “fermented beans.”

**busted.**

*poktanida.*

폭탄이다.

Literally, “bomb.”

**butt ugly.**

*hobakida.*

호박이다.

Literally, “pumpkin.”

**too skinny.**

*bbijjeok mallatda.*

\_ss|썩 말랐다.

**anorexic.**

*angsanghage mallatda.*

양상하게 먹었다.

**bony.**

*bbyeo bakke eopda.*

뼈 밖에 없다.

**unpopular.**

*ingiga eopda.*

인기가 없다.

**You are...**

*Neoneun...*

너는...

**an ugly man.**

*chunamida.*

주났이다.

**an ugly woman.**

*chunyeoda.*

주녀다.

**a fat boy. / a fat girl.**

*ttungboda. / ttungnyeoda.*

뚱보다. / 뚱녀다.

**a pig.**

*dwaejida.*

돼지다.

**a dwarf.**

*nanjaengida. / lujeoda.*

난쟁이다. / 루저다.

On a popular show in Korea called Minyeodeuleui Suda, a female university student labeled any guys under 5' 6" losers. Korean men were outraged! But the term stuck and now all short men are called losers in Korea.

**a fatso.**

*ttungtaengida.*

뚱땡이다.

**chubbier.**

*saliffeotda.*

ㅅ누이졌다.



## **He / She has...**

Geuneun / Geunyeoneun ... gajigo itda.

그는 / 그녀는... 가지고 있다.

**a big head.** (applies to men)

*keun daegarireul*

큰 대가리

**a big face.**

*keun eolrgureul*

큰 얼굴

**small eyes.**

*jageun nuneul*

작은 눈

**a gut.**

*ttongbaereul*

똥 배

**a muffintop.**

*tubeu-reul ggyeosseo*

튜브 를 껴어

Literally, "wearing inner tube around your waist."

**short legs.**

*shot dari / jangnong dari*

숏 다리 / 장롱 다리

**fat legs.**

*mudarireul*

무다리

Literally, "radish legs."

**uneven ass cheeks.**

*jjak gungdaengireul*

작 궁댕이

**a fat ass.**

*ori gungdaengireul*

오리 궁댕이

Literally, "duck ass."

**a saggy ass.**

*cheojin eongdeongireul*

처진 엉덩이

## MORE UGLY KOREAN))

Here are some popular Korean sayings to make fun of others' appearances:

You are **small like a booger!**

*Ko ttakji manhange kkabulgo isseo!*

**코 짹지 만한게 까붓고 있어!**

You are **small like a RAT!**

*Jwisaekki manhange kkabulgo isseo!*

**쥐새끼 | 만한게 까붓고 있어!**

You are **a size of shit bag of a dwarf.**

*Nanjaengi ttangjaru manhange kkabulgo isseo!*

**난쟁이 | 똥자루 만한게 까붓고 있어!**

Who looks at the ugly?

*Nuga jeogeo bondago?*

**누가 저거 본다고?**

Pearl necklace on pig's neck!

*Dwaejimage jinju mokgeori!*

**돼지목에 진주 목걸이.**

You can't put lipstick on a **pig**.

*Hobage jul geutneundago subak dwaenya?*

**호박에 죽 길는다고 수박돼나?**

Literally, "Can pumpkins become watermelons with lines?"

Koreans consider pumpkins ugly but watermelons handsome. So even if an ugly person puts on beautiful clothes, lots of makeup and expensive, brand-name accessories, he or she will never be beautiful. At least, that's what they used to say, but if you spend your life savings on multiple plastic surgeries, you might just be able to get prettier.

**Your legs are as short as a dresser's!**

*Neo wanjeon jangnong dariya!*

**너 다리 안전 장롱 다리야!**

If you bend over and look at the bottom of your dresser, you can see how small the space in between the ground and the dresser is, because most dressers have short legs.

**Holy shit, your head is the size of a watermelon!**

*Uwa, jenjang neo meoriga wanjeon subagiya!*

**우와, 젠장, 너 머리가 암전 수박이야!**

Korean watermelons are smaller than the ginormous fruits you see in U.S. supermarkets—they’re about as big as jack-o-lantern pumpkins.

**You have radish legs!**

*Neo wanjeon mudariya!*

**너 암전 무다리야!**

One of most popular sayings used to insult girls with short, fat legs.

## .....Piss

*Ojum*

**오줌**

Korea doesn’t have many public restrooms. Lots of restaurants and bars share bathrooms and require a key to get in. Because of the scarcity of public johns, it’s tough to find a nice place to pop a squat. So you better learn the phrases below to show how bad you gotta use it!

**Where’s the can?**

*Hwajangsiri eodiyeyo?*

**화장실이 어디예요?**

**I need to piss bad!**

*Ojum maryeo!*

**오줌 마려!**

I

**Na ...**

**나...**

**gotta pee.**

*ojum ssayahae.*

**오줌 싸야하.**

**gotta piss.**

*swi ssayahae.*

수 | 싸야하해.

**gotta take a leak**

*mul bbaeyahae.*

물 | 물여하해.

**Can you pass me some TP?**

*Hyuji jom gatda jullae?*

휴지 줄 갖다 줄래?

There are sometimes vending machines outside of public restrooms to provide toiletries.

**Shit, I missed the mark and pissed all over my hands.**

*A sipal, jojun jal motaeseo sone ojum da mudeosseo.*

아 시판, 조준 착 못해서 손에 오줌 다 묻었어.

It's common to witness public urination at night when men are shit-faced drunk on the sidewalk.

**My bladder is about to explode!**

*Ojumbbo teojilgeo gata!*

오줌보 터지거 같아!

**Are you going number 1 or number 2?**

*Neo keungeo jageungeo?*

너 큰거 작은거?

Literally, "Are you going big or small?"

## .....Shit

*Ttong*

똥

You may be surprised to find that many public restrooms in modern Korea still sport the old-fashioned seatless bowl. This means you'll be doing the Asian squat a lot, so hope to God that your quad strength doesn't give out. Oh yeah, and don't forget to carry a pack of tissue with you just in case, since a lot of restrooms don't provide TP.

# SHITTY SAYINGS))

## TTONGMAL

### 똥말

It seems like every culture has its own sayings about shit that would confuse the hell out of foreigners. For instance, what would a F.O.B. Korean think if you told him that he was “full of shit” or that his haircut was “the shit”? It’s no different in Korea, where they have their own special phrases. So keep your ears peeled for these little colloquial nuggets.

The dog speared in shit criticizes the dog speared in foliage.

*Ttong mudeun gaega gyeo mudeun gaebogo mora handa.*

똥 묻은 개가 거문은 개보고 뭐라한다.

Na ttong bbujijik bbujijik ssasseo.

나 똥 뿌지직 뿌지직 쌌어.

There's no good translation for this since it's simply the onomatopoeic sound of shit coming out of your butthole. Saying it basically means that you just took a shit.

You are the shit, your shit is the thickest!

*Neojalnasseo, ne ttong gulgeo!*

너 짙났어, 네 똥 굽어!

This is a mocking and sarcastic backhanded compliment.

I can't eat anymore; my stomach is full of **shit**.

*Deoisang mot meageo, nae baega ttongeuro chasseo.*

더이상 못 먹어, 내 배가 똥으로 찻어.

This one pretty much speaks for itself.

### Feces

*Daebyeon*

대변

### Poop

*Eunga*

응가

Do you want to go **poo** **poo**?

*Eunga halkka?*

응가 할까?

Mothers often say to their babies, “Let's poo poo together!”

I am about to **shit in my pants**.

*Bajie ttong ssalgeot gata.*

바지에 똥 썩것 같아.

I have to take a...

Na ... ssayahae.

나 ... 싸야하해.

dump.

*han mudeogi*

한무더기

shit.

*ttong*

똥

I have **diarrhea**.

Na **seolssahae**.

나 설사해.

Blended shit (half rhea, half solid)

*Garaseo mandeun ttong*

갓아서 만든 똥

## .....Fart / Burp

*Bangu / Teureum*

방구 / 트루

By American standards, it's considered rude to fart or burp in public, but for Koreans it's just a natural bodily occurrence. (Well, at least burping is; farting is still kinda frowned upon.) So don't look surprised when the elderly Korean gentleman in the booth next to you belches kimchi in your face.

Who **farted**?

*Bangu nuga ggyeosseo?*

방구 누가 끼었어?

That **stinks**.

*Naemsae juginda.*

냄새 죽인다.

Your **ass** is playing the flute!

**Eongdeong-iga** pirireul bune!

엉덩이 가 피리 를  
부네!!

Smells like a **rotten egg**.

**Sseogeun dalgyal**  
naemsaena.

썩은 닭가슴 냄새나.

Your **fart** smells like old rotten kimchi.

**Ni bangu** orae mugeun  
kimchi naemsaena.

니 방구 오래 묽은 김치 냄새 나.

**Burp**

*Teureum*

ㅌ ㄹ

It's not considered rude by elders to burp at restaurants in Korea. However, if you're a youngster, you better keep your skills under wraps until you're with your friends.

**Don't burp in front of me, you nasty shit.**

**Tereum** hajima, deoreowun saekki.

ㅌ ㄹ 하지 마 더러운 새끼.

**Hiccups**

*Ttalkkukjil*

膈 痛 痒

**Boogers**

*Kottakji*

코 짹지

"Boogers" in Korean is a combination of the words "nose" and "scalp."

**Quit picking your boogers.**

**Kottakji** jom geuman pa.

코 짹지 줌 그만 파.



**Snot**

*Konmul*

콧물

Wipe the **snot** off your face.

*Konmul jom dagga.*

콧물을 좀 닦아.

**Blow your nose.**

*Ko jom pureo.*

코를 좀 풀어.

**Eye boogers**

*Nunkkop*

눈꼽

You have **eye boogers!**

*Neo nunkkop kkyeosseo!*

너 눈꼽졌어!

**Earwax**

*Gwiji / Gwitbab*

귀지 / 귀屎

**Gwijigae** are good for taking out your earwax.

*Gwijigae*ro gwiji paneunge joa.

귀지가로 귀지 파는게 좋아.

*Gwijigae* is a tool that's either made out of wood or metal; it resembles a long, thin spoon that's used to clean out your earwax.

## .....Sickness

**Byeong**

병

I am **not feeling well.**

*Momi anjoa.*

몸이 안좋아.

I am **sick.**

*Na apeo.*

나 아파.

I'm **hurt**.

Na **dacheossep**.

나 다쳤어.

I am going **to die**.

Na **jugeul geo gata**.

나 죽을 거 같아.

Not literally—this is hyperbole expressing intense illness.

I think I caught a **cold**.

Gamgi **geollin geo gata**.

감기 | 걸린 거 같아.

Are you **okay**?

Neo **gwenchana**?

너 괜찮아?

Where does it **hurt**?

Eodi **apeo**?

어디 | 아파?

You don't look **too hot**.

Byeollo **an joa** boyeo.

별로 안 좋아 보여.

You are **pale**.

Eolguri **changbaekhae**.

얼굴이 창백해.

I have a **stomachache**.

Na **baeapeo**.

나 배아파.

I'm having **my period**.

Na **saengrijungiyi**.

나 생리중이다.

I'm on the **rag**.

Geunariya.

그 냉온이야.

**I have raging PMS.**

*Na saengri jeonira piemesseuro jirariya.*

나 생리전이라 피에스로 지낫아야.

**I have a fever.**

**Yeolna.**

열나.

**Call 119.**

*Ililage jeonhwahae.*

일일구에 전화해.

In Korea, 119 is what you call for the fire department.

## .....Pharmacy

**Yakguk**

약국

Koreans practice a lot of Eastern medicine, but it's pretty easy to find more Westernized treatment and get the meds that you're used to.

**Where are you hurting?**

*Eodiga apeoyo?*

어디가 아파요?

**Can you give me some headache medicine?**

*Geborin juseyo?*

게보린 주세요?

This is basically Tylenol (acetaminophen).

**Aspirin**

*Aspirin*

아스피린

**Ibuprofen**

*Ebuprofen*

이부프로펜

### **Cold medicine**

*Gamgiyak*

감기약 (brand—팜프린 에프 )

### **Bug bite medicine**

*Mogiyak*

모기약 (파스—for mosquito bites)

This is hydrocortisone.

### **Tums**

*Baetaryak*

비타민약 (brand—해스 탄 )

### **Laxative**

*Seolsayak*

설사약 (brand—정로한 )

### **Red Bull**

*Bakaseu*

비카스

### **Band-Aids**

*Banchango*

비단장고

### **Neosporin**

*Madekasol, husidin*

마데카솔, 후시딘

### **Chinese herbal medicine ball**

*Wuhwangcheongsimwon*

우황 청심원

This curative is made out of a bunch of Chinese herbs rolled into a small ball. It stinks like hell but cures you instantly when you are in mental or physical shock.

**I'm in shock! I need Chinese medicine ball!**

*Na nollasseo! Wuhwang cheongsimwon pilyohae!*

나 놀랐어! 우황청심원 필요해!

# HORNY KOREAN

HANGUKSESEO SSEUNEUN  
YAHANMAL

한국에서 쓰는 애정어

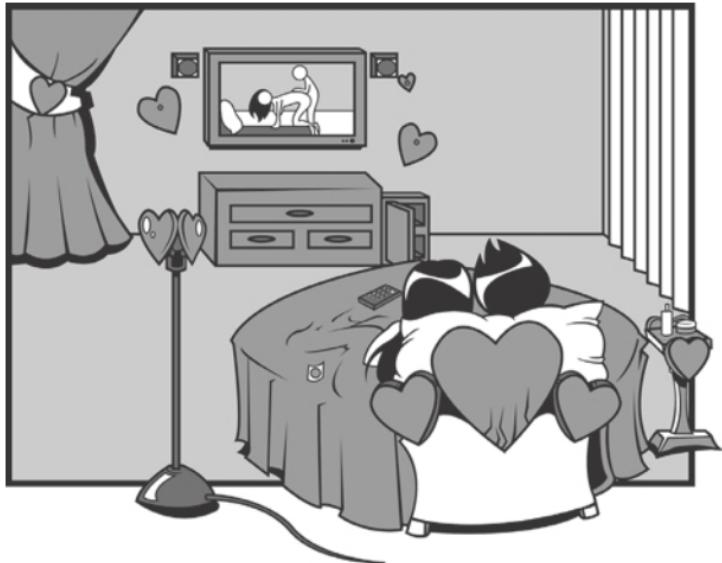
## .....Sex

Sex / Sungwangye

섹스 / 성관계

Like most people, Koreans have getting laid on their minds 24/7. Talking openly about sex, however, is a different story. It's still pretty taboo there. And when it does happen, it's usually as an embarrassed euphemism or in English, because talking dirty just comes more naturally in fucking English.

Thanks to the Internet (i.e., porn), lots of new sexual terms are starting to flood the language. So your Korean friends will probably understand you now when you start to explain your bukkake fetish. But what are Koreans to do with this newfound sexual awakening? Most Koreans live with their parents until



they tie the knot, so bringing home a booty call to try out their new reverse-blumpkin moves is out of the question.

That's where the "love motel" (러브 모텔) comes in. These rendezvous points may sound sleazy to Westerners but are a fact of life for unmarried Asians. Here, you can fuck without having to worry about Mom or Dad walking in and seeing you punching mochi all night long. Surprisingly, the motels are often chic and well decorated, and they only cost about \$40 to \$50 per day. But for some reason, most people just use them for a couple hours, re-creating all the poses they see from the FREE in-room porn.

I want to **sleep with you**.

Na neorang **jagosipeo**.

나 너랑 자고싶어.

I want to **do it with you**.

Na neorang **hagosipeo**.

나 너랑 하고싶어.



I'm getting in the mood to...

Na ... hagosipeo.

나 ... 하고 싶어.

make love.

sarangeul nanugo

사랑을 나누고

fuck.

kong kkago

쿵 까고

## .....Cocks

Geosigi

거시기

Whoever said “It's not the size of the boat but the motion of the ocean” was full of shit. Bigger is better. Less is not more. And because a big Johnson is so important, there are lots of ways to describe one.

Penis

Mulgeon

물건

**My penis is thicker than yours.**

Nae mulgeon-i nikkeoboda deo gulgeo.

내 물건이 니꺼보다 더 굵어.

Baby penis

Gochu

고추

This term is used when adults comment on a baby boy's penis, a frequent occurrence in Korea since it's very popular to take young boys to public bathhouses.

**Your baby penis is very handsome.**

Inomeui jasik **gochu** cham jal saengyeotnae.

이 높의 자식, 고추 찹 잘 생겼네.

**Foreskin**

*Kkeopjil*

꺼지~

**Did you remove your foreskin?**

*Neo jaji kkeopjjil kkannya?*

너 자지 **꺼지~ 까나?**

**Circumcise**

*Pogyeong susul*

포경수술

**to hunt whales**

*goraejabi*

고래잡이

This euphemism comes from coincidental homonyms:  
*pogyeong susul* (to circumcise) and *pogyeong-up* (whaling).

**Can I lick your... ?**

... *haltado doe?*

... **핥아도 도?**

**Can I spank your... ?**

... *chyeodo doe?*

... **쳐도 도?**

**Can I suck your... ?**

... *bbarado doe?*

... **嘬아도 도?**

**Can I take a picture of your... ?**

... *geogi sajin jjigeodo doe?*

... **거기 사진 찍어도 도?**

**Don't touch my...**

... *manjijima.*

... **만지|지|마.**

**I love...**

... *na joahae.*

... **나 좋아해.**

**Wow, that is one fantastic...**

*Uwa, ... geugeo jeongmal juginda.*

우와, ... 그거 정말 죽인다.

**I've never seen a ... like that.**

*Hanbeondo ... bonjeogi eopsseo.*

한번도 ... 본 적이 없어.

**cock**

*jaji*

자지

**johnson**

*namgeun*

남근

**dick**

*eumkyeong*

은경

**wiener**

*jot*

죽

**erection**

*balttak seon jaji*

반딱 선 자지

**boner**

*ttakttakhan jaji*

딱딱한 자지

**head**

*guidu*

기두

**nuts**

*gohwan*

고한

**nads**

*eumnang*

은낭

**balls**

*bural*

부악

**rim of the head**

*jaji kkeut*

자지 끝

**pubes (male)**

*jaji teol*

자지 턱

## .....**Tits and ass**

*Gaseumirang eongdeongi*

가슴이 | 강 엉덩이 |

Tits, boobies, knockers, melons, breasts, tatas and fun bags. No matter what you call them, they're awesome. More awesome than a sweet ass, though? That's a debate that philosophers have long argued but never settled. But can't we all agree that both are magical in their own special way? From my girlfriends' experiences (and mine...can't deny it), we've come up with the following tendencies: American boys go for the asses when they kiss girls, and Korean boys, as awkward as the position can be, go for the boobies as they kiss girls. God damn mama's boys!

**I love big...**

*Nan keun ...ga joa.*

난 큰 ...가 좋아.

**Can I squeeze your...?**

*Ne ... jumul-leodo dwae?*

네 ... 주물러도 돼?

**Fondle my...**

*Nae ... manjeojo.*

내 ... 만져줘.

**Pinch my...**

*...kkojibeojo.*

...꼬집어줘.

Show me your...

... boyehjobwa.

... 보여줘봐.

breasts.

yubang

유방

tits.

gaseum

가슴

nipples.

jeotkkokji

젖꼭지

nips.

yudu

유두

ass.

eongdeongi

엉덩이

asshole.

ttonkkumeong

똥구멍

anus.

hangmun

항문

perineum.

hoe-eum

회음



## .....Pussy time!

*Boji sigan!*

보지 시간!

Though they may be “all pink on the inside,” there remains a plethora of terms to describe the female vajajay.

I want to lick your...

*Na neo ... halko sipeo.*

나 너 ... 핥고싶어.

### **Eat my...**

Nae ... *meogeojwo*.

내 ... 먹어줘.

### **Fingerbang my...**

Nae ... *soneuro bagajo*.

내 ... 손으로 박아줘.

### **I'm going to ravage your...**

Naega ni ... *mangateurulkkeoya..*

내가 나 ... 망가뜨리꺼야.

#### **pussy.**

*boji*

보지 |

#### **cunt.**

*jil*

짓 |

#### **hairy pussy.**

*teol maneun boji*

털많은 보지 |

Don't expect to see Brazilians when you hook up with chicks in Korea. Here, hairy pussy is the norm.

#### **shaved pussy.**

*baekboji*

백지 보지 |

Literally, "blank pussy."

#### **clitoris.**

*eumhaek*

음핵 |

#### **clit.**

*clitoris*

크리토리스 |

#### **love button.**

*kong*

콩 |

Literally, "bean." Losing your virginity is *kongkkagi* (콩깍기), literally "peeling the bean."

# THE BOOBY CONTINUUM)) GAJI GAJI GASEUMDEUL 가지 가지 가슴들

Breastless

*Aseupalteue buteun kkumttakji*

아스팔트에 불은 껌딱지

Literally, “flat gum on an asphalt street.” You will see these on many Korean girls, who are stick thin anyways.

Flat-chested

*Jeollbyeok*

절벽

Barely breasted

*Binyakhan gaseum*

비약한 가슴

Medium-breasted

*Adamhan gaseum*

아답한 가슴

Ample-breasted

*Geullaemeo*

글래머

Big tits

*Geoyu*

거유

Ginormous tits

*Jeotsa*

젖소

Literally, “milking cow.”

Beautiful tits

*Chakhan gaseum*

착한 가슴

Literally, “nice breasts.” In Korea, a beautiful appearance makes you a “nice person.” Therefore, if you have beautiful tits, guys will call you nice and kind. Works out, doesn’t it?

Fake boobs

*Bbongaseum*

봉가슴

**g-spot.**

*ji spot*

지-스팟

**Where is your g-spot?**

*Neoji spotsi eohdiya?*

너 지스팟이 어디야?

**pussy lips.**

*eumsun*

음순

**pubes. (female)**

*bojiteol*

보지털

**pussy juice.**

*aeaek*

애액

## .....Sexual acts

*Seongyo*

성교

Sometimes missionary sex just won't cut it. Sometimes you just feel the need go all reverse cowgirl and fingerbang your lover's butthole during a mid-afternoon gangbang. It's perfectly natural. There's no need to be ashamed of your female ejaculation while your boyfriend tittyfucks you in the midst of a Cleveland Steamer. Everybody does it.

**I am at a perverted age now.**

*Nado jingeureowun naiya.*

나도 징그러운 나이야.

**Have you ever had anal sex?**

*Hangmun seongyo haebwasseo?*

항문 성교 해봤어?

**I want to do some...**

*...hago sipeo.*

하고 싶어.

I'm tired of...

... *haneungeon jaemiupsseo*.

... 하는건 재미없어.

kissing.

*Bbobbo*

뽀뽀

Give me a **kiss** to remember!

*Oneureul ginyeom halmanhan **bbobbo**haejwo!*

오늘을 기념 할만한 **뽀뽀**해줘!

French kissing.

Kiss

키스

foreplay.

*Aemu*

애무

skinship.

*Skinship*

스킨십

finger banging.

*Soneuro*

손으로

Finger me!

*Soneuro haejwo!*

손으로 해줘!

cunnilingus.

*Yeooseong gugang aemu*

여성 구강 애무

Go down on me.

*Ibeuro haejwo.*

입으로 해줘.

fellatio.

*Namseong gugang aemu*

남성 구강 애무

Give me a blow job.

*Ibeuro haejwo.*

입으로 해줘.

**Wanna try...?**

...haeboja?

... 해보자?

**I like...**

Nan ... joahae.

난 ... 좋아해.

**swallowing.**

*samkidantuengirl*

삼키|는걸

**cumming on the face.**

*eolgurae ssaneungirl*

얼굴에 싸는걸

**sixty-nine.**

*yukgu*

육구

**titty-fucking.**

*gaseum sex*

가슴 쎌스

**missionary style.**

*apchigi*

앞치|기|

**doggy-style.**

*dwichigi*

뒤치|기|

**woman on top.**

*maltagi*

말타|기|

Literally, "riding horse."

**Threesome**

*Sseurisseom*

쓰리|써

**Group sex**

*Group sex*

그룹 쎌스

**Gangbang**

*Dollimbbang*

돌림빵

**Anal**

*Aeneol*

애널

**Do it in my asshole.**

*Ttonkkumeongeuro haejwo.*

똥구멍으로 해줘.

**Female ejaculation**

*Yeoseong sajeong*

여성 사정

## .....**Orgasm**

*Oreugajeum*

오르가즘

**Do it...**

*...hae.*

*... 해.*

**faster, faster.**

*Bballi bballi*

빡빡 | 빡빡 |

**slower.**

*Cheoncheonhi*

천천히 |

**harder.**

*Ssege*

세게 |

**softer.**

*Salsal*

살살 |

**more.**

*Deo*

더 |

**This hurts.**

*Apa.*

아파.

**This feels really good.**

*Gibun joa.*

기분 좋아.

**I'm getting a hard-on.**

*Seosseo.*

섣어.

**I'm starting to get off.**

*Neukkimi wa.*

느낌이 약.

**I want to come.**

*Ssago sipeo.*

싸고 싶어.

**I'm about to come.**

*Ssallyeogo geurae.*

싹려고 그래.

**Where do you want it?**

*Eodiro hallae?*

어디로 핥래?

**I'm coming!**

*Na ssalkeogata!*

나 썹거 같아!

**Did you have an orgasm?**

*Neo neukkyeosseo?*

너 느꼈어?

Literally, “Did you feel it?”

**I just came all over.**

*Bangeum ssasseo.*

방금 썹어.

I had a wet dream.

*Na mongjeong haesseo.*

나 몽정했어.

I need to beat off. (male)

*Na ttalttari chyeoyahae.*

나 짹짜이 | 쳐야야해.

Go masturbate.

*Jawihae.*

자위해.

## .....Sexcessories

Sex toy

섹스 토이 |

Do you have a ...?

*~isseo?*

~있어?

Let's try using a...

*~sseoboja.*

~써보자.

condom.

*Condom*

콘돔

Do you have a **condom**?

*Neo condom gajigo isseo?*

너 콘돔 가지고 있어?

dildo.

*Dildo*

디도

Where can I get a **dildo**?

*Neo dildo eodieseo guhae?*

너 디도 어디에서 구해?

vibrator.

*Baibeureiteo*

비비 | 브 레이 | 티

**Do you like my fingers or your vibrator better?**

*Neo nae songaragi joa anim baibeureiteoro*

*haneunge deo joa?*

너 내 손가락이 좋아 아닌 바이브 레이저로  
하는게 더 좋아?

**Let's watch...**

... *boja*.

... 보자.

**porn.**

*Poreuno*

포르노

It's illegal to film porn in Korea, but you can import it from abroad. A while ago, some high school students filmed themselves having sex and made a video called *Red Scarf* (*bbalgan mahoora*; 빨간 마주라). The video got leaked and became a big deal in Korea.

**adult videos.**

*Adult video*

어덜트 비디오

These films are usually found in Korean love motels.

Unfortunately they're pretty tame compared to American porns (you don't even get to see any pussy or cock—lame!).

## .....Your sexuality

*Neoeui seonghyang*

너의 성향

Scholars often talk about the virgin-whore dichotomy of women's sexuality. But what about the butch-fem polarity and the pimp-ho binary? Where do all the call-girls, players, born-again virgins, bisexuals, premature ejaculators, and S&M freaks fit in to the spectrum? Well, in the wide world of Korean slang, there's a place for all you freaky sex fiends. So come on in. It's warm in here.

**I love a good slut.**

*Naneun geolle joahae.*

나는 거는데 좋아해.

**I'm a...**

*Naneun ...ya.*

나는 ... 야.

**virgin.**

*cheonyeo*

처녀

**ancient virgin.**

*cheonyeonkinyeommul*

천연기념물

Known as a “national treasure” or “never been kissed” for both boys and girls.

**30-something unmarried woman.**

*nocheonyeo*

노처녀

**whore.**

*changnyeo*

창녀

**call-girl.**

*call geol*

클걸

**underage prostitute.**

*wonjogyoje*

원조교제

**Homosexual**

*Dongseongaeja*

동성애자

**Gay**

*Geyi*

게이 |

**Lesbian**

*lejeubieon*

레즈비언

**Bisexual**

*Yangseongaeja*

양성애자

**Queer**  
*Horosaekki*  
호로새끼 |

**Pimp**  
*Gidungseobang*  
기둥서방 |

**Playboy**  
*Baramdungi*  
바람둥이 |

**Quickdraw**  
*Tokki*  
토끼 |  
Literally, “rabbit.”

**Premature ejaculation**  
*Joru*  
조루

**Impotent**  
*Balgibujeon*  
발기부전 |

**Sadist**  
*Saedist*  
세디스트

**Masochist**  
*Maesokist*  
메소크스트

**Pervert**  
*Byeontae*  
변태 |

**Two-timer**  
*Yangdari*  
양다리 |

**Player**

Muneodari

문어다리

Did you hear? That **player** got STD for sleeping around.

Waeniriya, jeonom **muneodari** geolchidaga  
seongbyeong ormatde.

왠이리야, 저놈 문어다리 거친|다가 성병  
을았데.

# ANGRY KOREAN

HANGUK YOK

한국 욕

Just because Koreans are smaller than your average white dude doesn't mean they get pushed around. They can be some badass motherfuckers. And what they lack in size they make up for with an impressive array of insults, swear words, smack downs and verbal abuse directed toward the size of their enemy's genitals. You've been warned.

## .....Enemies

Jeok

적

I hate my...

*Nan nae ...ga sireo.*

난 내 ... 가 싫어.

boss.

sangsa

상사

I'm so mad at my asshole **boss**.

Geu **sangsa** gaesaekkittaemune yeolbada jukkesseo.

그 **상사** 개새끼때문에 옛밥아 죽겠어.

rival.

waensu

엔수

I am fucked because of my **rival**.

Na geu **waensu**uttaemune jot dwaesseo.

나 그 **엔수**때문에 죽 땖어.

**My...is a real asshole.**

Nae ...neun jinjja sibalnomiya.

내 ... 는 진짜 시뻘겋이야.

ex-girlfriend

jeon yeochin

전 여친

**My ex-girlfriend is a slut.**

Nae **jeon** **yeochin** ssipalnyeon.

내 전 여친 씨팔년.

ex-boyfriend

jeon namchin

전 남친

**My ex-boyfriend is a psycho.**

Nae **jeon** **namchin** michinnom. / ttora.

내 전 남친 미친놈. / 똘아이.

teacher (unpopular)

kkondae

꼰대

**My shitty teacher** tried to say that I didn't do my homework.

Nae **kkondae**ga nabogo sookjereul an haetdaneun geoya.

내 **꼰대**가 나보고 숙제를 안 했다는 거야.

mother-in-law

sieomeoni (husband's mom) / jangmonim (wife's mom)

시어머니 / 장모님

**My mother-in-law has lost her mind.**

**Sieomeoni** nomang nasyeosseo.

시어머니 노망 나셨어.

**Politician**

*Jeongchi-in*

정치인

**All politicians are con-artists.**

**Jungchi-indeureun** da sagikkuniya.

정치인들은 다 사기꾼이야.

**Police**

*Gyeongchal*

경찰

**Cops**

*Jjapsae*

찰새

**Shit, the cops are coming.**

**Ssibal jjapsae tteotda.**

시발 찰새 떠오다.

## .....Pissed off

*Yeolbatda*

열발다

Sometimes, shit pisses you off. It's important to know the proper verbiage in order to fully convey this emotion to others around you. Otherwise, you may have to cut a bitch.

**Damn!**

*Bireomeogeul!*

비로어먹을!

**Shit!**

*Jenjang!*

젠장!

**Fuck!**

Ssibal!

쒸僻卜!

I'm in a **bad mood** today, so don't get on my nerves!

Oneul na **gibun ggulggul** hanikka geondeulji ma!

오늘 나 **기분 꽉꽉** 하니까 건들지 마!

Get away from me!

Kkeojeo!

꺼져!

Don't make me **angry**!

**Yeol batge** hajima!

열 밤게 하지마!

I am going to **kill** you!

**Jugyeo**beorinda!

죽여버린다!

This is a very popular phrase used lightly, and isn't normally life threatening.

Leave me alone.

Geunyang naebido.

그냥 내비둬.

None of your business!

Gwansimggeo!

간신까!

Don't worry about me!

Sangwanma!

상관마!

You're bothering me!

Gwichana!

귀찮아!



You're so annoying!

Jjajeungna!

짜증나!

You're **pissing me off** with your whining!

Neoga jjingjjingdaeseo **jjangna**!

너가 징징대서 짱나!

My head is about to **explode**!

Ttukkeong yeollinda!

두껑 열린다!

Literally, "My pot cover is about to boil open."

## -----Smack talk

Yokseol

욕설

Koreans like to talk shit, and the most commonly used insult is "crazy." Whenever you come across someone that pisses you off, calling them crazy under your breath is a great way to warm up your shit talking. Whoever comes up with the most creative smack talk about the other person's appearance/hygiene/mother's dirty sex life is the winner!

That bitch is **crazy**!

Jeo nyeon **michin nyeoniya**!

저년 미친년이야!

You're a **punk ass**.

**Meorie pido an mareunge.**

마리에 피도 안 마른게.

Literally, "Your head is still blood-wet from your mom's womb."

How is it possible to be so **stupid**?

Eotteoke geureoke **baboilsuga innya**?

어떻게 그렇게 바보일수가 있나?

What a **moron**!

**Meogcheogi** saekki!

멍청이! 새끼!!

# RACISTS))

## 인종차별자

### 인종 차별자

People often assume that South Koreans don't like North Koreans, but the truth is that North Koreans are often the friends and family of their neighbors to the south. The people that Koreans really hate are the Japanese. And who can blame them? Japan colonized Korea for 36 years until the 1940s. That shit tends to breed hostility. Other than the Japanese, who Koreans hate with a special passion, Koreans are ready to insult everybody with pretty much equal opportunity.

Get outta my face you dumb ...

*Jeolluu ggeojeo, i meojeori gateun ...*

절루 꺼져, 이 머저리같은...

Yankee.

*yangki.*

양기.

cracker.

*hayanbbang.*

하얀빵.

nigger.

*kkamdungi.*

깎동이.

Jap. [Japanese]

*Jjokbari. / Ilbonnam. / Woenom.*

쪽박이. / 일본놈. / 위놈.

Chink. [Chinese]

*Jjanggae.*

창개.

Gook. [North Korean]

*Bbalgaengi.*

붐가정이.

**She's such a bitch!**

*Jeoreon gae gateun **nyeon!***

저언 개같은 냄!

**Son of a bitch!**

*Gaesaeukki!*

꺄새끼!!

I'm gonna beat that **asshole**.

Jeo **ssibalnom** pae jugilggeoya.

저 **씨발놈** 패 죽이꺼야.

**Rude** people suck.

**Ssgagig upneun** nom / nyeon jaesu eopsseo.

**싸가지 없는 놈** / 년 재수없어.

Does lustng after Miley Cyrus make me a **bad person**?

Miley Cyrus joahamyeon na **nabbeunnominya**?

마이리 싸이러스 좋아하라면 나 나쁜놈이거나?

He's nothing but **trash**.

Jeo saekkineun **sseuregi** bakke andwae.

저 새끼는 쓰레기 뺨에 안돼.

I hate **rotten people!**

**Sseogeul nomdeul** neomu sireo!

썩은 놈들 너무 싫어!

She has a **bad attitude**.

Jeonyeon **seongkkal deureoweo**.

저년 성까 드려워.

You're **nuts!**

**Ttoraignateun!**

똑아이! 같은!

Quit being such a **bastard!**

**Horosaekki** gateun jit jom geumanhae!

호로새끼! 같은 짓 좀 그만해!

Don't be a **crybaby**!

**Ulbojit hajima!**

울보짓 하지마!

Santa won't give a gift to a crybaby.

Santaneun Ulbohante sunmul an jundae.

산타는 울보한테 선물 안 준대.

Korean mothers use this saying when trying to convince their whiny little bitch kids to shut up.

**Cheapskate**

*Jjandori / Jjansuni*

잔돈이 / 짠순이 |

Your boyfriend is a **cheapskate**.

*Neo namjachinguneun neomu jjandoriya.*

너 납자친구는 너무 **잔돈이**야.

**Pay it, you cheapskate!**

*Don jom sseo, jjandora!*

돈 좀써, **잔돈아**!

You're so **foul-mouthed**.

*Neon ibe geolle mureosseo.*

넌 입에 거는데 물었어.

Literally, "You have a dirty rag in your mouth!"

Don't just stand there like a **retard** and give me a hand!

*Byeongsin cheoreom geogi seoitjimalgo dowajo!*

병신처렸 거기 서있지말고 도와줘!

Your dad is a **pervert**.

*Neone abba byeontaeyya.*

너네 아빠 **병신**이야.

That **bullshitter** always makes shit up.

*Jeo heopungjaengi mennal geoijitmalhae.*

저 허풍쟁이 맨날 거짓말해.

Japanese girls are **low class**.

*Ilbonnyeondeureun ssangnyeondeuriya.*

일본년들은 **쌍년**들이야.

That **stalker** won't stop texting me.

*Jeo stokeoga gyesok munjahae.*

저 스토커가 계속 문자해.

You're a fucking **bad luck**.

*Neo jinja jaesu upsseop.*

너 진짜 재수없어.

**Korean dudes are lazy.**

*Hanguk namjadeul ge-eureumbaengideuriya.*

한국 남자애들 게으른 농이야.

**Men are pigs.**

*Namjaneun da dwaejiya.*

남자는 다 돼지야.

**You're worthless.**

*Neon sseulmo upneun nomiya.*

넌 쓸모 없는 놈이야.

**You're a parasite.**

*Ya i bindaesaeakkiya.*

야 이 빙대새끼야.

## .....**Snapping**

*Nun doragannae*

눈 돌아갔내

Believe it or not, more than half of Koreans are blood type B, which means that they are prone to be short-tempered according to a wacky but well-known Korean blood-type personality test. So whenever you see someone's eyes go all crazy and they start barking at you for no reason, you can escalate the situation by inferring that they are blood type B and have no control over their emotions. Koreans love hearing this.

**Snapping**

*Nun doragannae*

눈 돌아갔내

Literally, "Your eyes have gone crazy."

**Careful, dude's about to snap.**

*Josimhae, je nun doragaryeogohae.*

조심해, 제 눈 돌아가려고 해.

**He's got a real short temper.**

*Je jinja dahyeoljiliya.*

제 진짜 짜혁질이야.

Uh-oh, she's starting to get **stand-offish**.

*Jeobwa, jyea bbeoljjumhaejinja.*

저봐, 쟤 뻐죽해진다.

He's giving you the **glare**.

*Jyaega neo noryeobwa.*

쟤가 너 노려봐.

Are you giving me a **dirty look**?

*Neo na jjaeryeobonya?*

너 나 째려보나?

Are you **insane**?

*Neo dorannya?*

너 둑았나?

You're **fucking hella crazy!** (dramatizing)

*Neo jonna dorasseo!*

너 존나 둑았어!

Lower your eyes!

*Nun kkara i gaesaekkiya!*

눈깔아 이! 개새끼이!

It's considered extremely disrespectful to look at elders straight in their eyes while they are lecturing you.

I'm about to **explode**.

*Na teojigi ilbojikjeoniya.*

나 터지기 이보 직전이야.

My life is **fucked**.

*Nae paljjaga gaepaljjaya.*

내 짜증나가 개상짜증나.

## .....**Fighting words**

*Ssaulttae sseuneun maldeul*

싸울때 쓰는 말들

Guns are illegal in Korea. They're for the military only. So how do Korean cops protect themselves and fight the bad guys?

Why, with whistles and sticks, of course! This may sound wussy to you, but I wouldn't fuck with a Korean cop. Those sticks can pack a mean hit. But if you do fight a cop, or anyone else for that matter, here are some good terms to really push the situation to full-scale violence.

**I don't like you.**

*Neo sireo.*

너 싫어.

**I hate you.**

*Neo miwo.*

너 미워.

**You suck!**

*Neo wang jesu!*

너 양 제수!

**Go away!**

*Jeoriga!*

저러기!

**Go to hell.**

*Jiokga!*

지옥가!

**Fuck off!**

*Ggeojyeo!*

꺼져!

**Fuck you.**

*Yeotmugeo. / Bbeokyu.*

엿먹어. / 뻑큐.

**Shut your mouth.**

*Agari dakchyeo.*

아가리 닉쳐.

**Shut the fuck up.**

*Dakchyeo.*

딕쳐.



**Die!**

*Jugeullae!*

죽을까!

This isn't a real life threat; it's used more commonly as playful smack talk.

**What the fuck?**

*Ssibal igeo moyo?*

시발이거 뭐야?

**What did you just say?**

*Dasi malhaebwa?*

다시 말해봐?

**Let's take it outside.**

*Bakkeuro nawa.*

밖으로 나와.

**Bring it on!**

*Wa! / Haebwa.*

와! / 해봐.

You got a problem?

Bulman isseo?

불만 있어?

You picking a fight with me for no reason?

I saram hwangdanghage saramjapne?

이 | 사같 향당하게 사같잡네?

I'm gonna **fuck you up.**

Neo *jugeuljul ara.*

너 죽을줄 안다.

I'm gonna **kick your ass.**

Neo *jonna majeuljul ara.*

너 존나 맛을줄 안다.

I'm gonna **beat the shit out of you.**

Neo gae paedeusi *majeuljul ara.*

너 개 패듯이 맛을줄 안다.

Literally, "I am going to beat you up like a dog." It originates from the Korean practice of eating dog meat. To prepare the delicacy, the live canine is beaten with a bat to tenderize the meat. I know, I know, it's morbid, especially if you're PETA vegetarian.

Kneel or die, bitch!

Gaenyeon, an kkureumyeon jukneunda!

개년, 안 끓으면 죽는다!

I fucked him up!

Jeo saekki yut mugyeosseo!

저 새끼! 엿먹였어!

## .....Stopping a fight

Ssaum jungjisikigi

싸움 중지|ㅅ|ㅋ|기|

So you're at a bar getting tipsy and talkin' shit about some dude's slutty sister. Next thing you know, dude's got ten friends and all of your crew has dipped out on you like a bunch of pussies. Time to make nice and kiss some proverbial ass.

**Hey, let's...**

Ya, uri...

야, 그만 ...

relax.

*jinjeonghae.*

진정해.

**compromise.**

*hwahaehae.*

화해해.

**calm down.**

*hwanaeji ma.*

한내지 마.

**I'm sorry.**

*Mianhae.*

미안해.

**I apologize.**

*Sagwa halgge.*

사과해.

**It's my fault.**

*Naega jalmot haesseo.*

내가 잘못 했어.

**You should understand me!**

*Neoga ihaehae!*

너가 이해해!

**Forgive me.**

*Yongseohaejo.*

용서해줘.

**Give me one more chance.**

*Hanbeonman bwajwo.*

한번만 봐줘.

**Forget about it.**

*Igeo beoryeo.*

잊어 버려.

**It has nothing to do with me.**

*Narang sangwan eopneun iriya.*

나랑 상관 없는 일이야.

**Stop it.**

*Geumanhae.*

그만해.

**Don't do it.**

*Hajima.*

하지마.

**It's already in the past.**

*Da jinan iriya.*

다 지나온 일이다.

**Whatever.**

*Dwaesseo.*

됐어.

**Don't go.**

*Gagima!*

가지마!

**I'm going to call the cops.**

*Japsae bureunda.*

찰새 부른다.

**Call 112!**

*Singohanda!*

신고한다!

"112" is the emergency number to call the cops in Korea.

# POPPY KOREAN

HANGUK YUHAENGEO  
한국 유행어

As with many Asian countries, American pop culture has had a huge influence in Korea. Fast food chains like McDonald's are ubiquitous, and Western-style fashion is all the rage. But Korean culture is made up of more than just Western rip-offs. In the past few years there has been a surge in exports of Korean pop culture, including TV dramas, music and movies. Dubbed the "Korean Wave," the cultural phenomenon helped raise Korea's profile and boost tourism.

## .....TV

TV  
TV | |

There are four main Korean TV channels: SBS, KBS1, KBS2 and MBC. These stations show the most popular shows on TV. Korean TV shows don't have many commercial breaks—unlike those on American TV. (Seriously, did you ever watch

*The Chappelle Show?* There were more commercial breaks than jokes on that show. I'm still mad about this. Come back to us, Dave. Come back!)

**Let's watch a...**

...boja.

... 보자.

**soap opera.**

Drama

드라마

Well-known for love triangles and tragic storylines, Korean dramas (akin to American soap operas) are extremely popular throughout Asia. Korean television shows have gotten so popular that tons of Japanese tourists come to Korea to visit the areas where the scenes were filmed. Popular dramas include *Winter Sonata*, *Iris*, *Queen Seon-deok*, *Boys Over Flower* and *Jewel in the Palace*.

**Queen Seon-deok is a badass TV show!**

Seon-deok yeowangeun eomcheongnan **drama**ya.

선덕여왕은 엄청난 드라마야.

**comedy.**

Gaegeu

개그

## KOREAN TV SHOWS

**High Kick!**

Jibungttulko Haikick

지붕뚫고 하이킥

Literally, "High kick through the roof." This immensely popular sitcom portrays three generations of family members living together under one roof and getting into hijinks. Ever seen *Everybody Loves Raymond*? Kinda like that but everyone stuffed into the same house.

**Ya, i bbangku ttongkkuya!**

아이 땅구똥꼬야!

Literally, "fart and anal." This catch phrase from *High Kick!* has made its way into the Korean lexicon. You are basically calling someone stupid in a light-hearted, adorable way.

## **Uchassa / Gaegeuconsseoteu**

웃衩사 / 개그콘서트

Korean comedy uses a lot of self-deprecating humor and can be really hilarious. These two programs should provide some yucks—they’re like *Saturday Night Live* with some stand-up thrown in. Koreans have no problem creating comedy gold by talking shit about themselves.

## **Infinite Challenge**

Muhandojeon

무한도전

*Infinite Challenge* is similar in concept to *Amazing Race* and *American Idol*. The difference is that the contestants are popular celebrities like Jae-suk Yoo (유재석), Hyeong-don Jeong (정형돈), Myung-soo Park (박명수), Hong-chul No (노홍철), Jun-ha Jun (정준하) and Gil (길)—all middle-aged, goofy entertainers. This show has become so popular that it has guest celebrities from all over the world like Paris Hilton, Tiger Woods, Maria Sharapova and soccer star Thierry Daniel Henry.

### **Ha, it's a piece of cake!**

Cham swibjo-ing!

찻 수! 조 읍!

This biting catch phrase became popular when *Infinite Challenge* contestant Jae-suk Yoo sarcastically said, “Ha, it’s a piece of cake!” to other contestants who were struggling with their missions.

## **Family Outing**

Familiga Tteotda

페미리가 떳다

In the first season of this reality/variety show, pop stars like Jae-suk Yoo (big time MC), Lee Hyo-ri (the Britney Spears of Korea), Jong-shin Yoon (singer-songwriter) and Jong-guk Kim (popular singer) assume the duties of an everyday Korean family at a different traditional countryside home every week. While the celebrities do the housework, the hard-working family takes a well-deserved vacation.

## **One Night Two Days**

Ilbak I-il

이박 박이 | 이이

Similar to the *The Simple Life*, this show features celebrities visiting the countryside to perform tasks outside their comfort zone. Unlike bitchy socialite stars Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie, however, the Korean counterparts are modest, hard-working celebs—much more appealing to the Korean viewers.

### We Got Married

*Uri Gyeolhonhaesseoyo*

우리 결혼했어요

This surreal reality TV show depicts celebrity couples living pretend married lives. It sounds absurd, but it shows the dynamics of how different people live and work together to make their relationship successful.

### Kiss Kiss Kiss

*Bbobbobbo*

뽀뽀뽀

This is kinda like a Korean *Sesame Street*: A bunch of kids and characters play and dance around and learn valuable life lessons.

## -----Movies

*Hanguk yeonghwa*

한국영화

Korean movies have gained popularity throughout Asia and the U.S. Hollywood has even adapted several Korean movies into American films (e.g., *The Lake House*, starring Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock). Of course, I definitely recommend watching the originals. Even with subtitles, you'll get the morals behind the stories rather than just seeing the American glitz and big-name actors.

### Old Boy

*Old Boy*

온드보이

Influenced by Chinese kung fu flicks, this movie broke out of the stereotypical Korean movie storyline, which usually features a love triangle with the inevitable tragic ending. In fact, the style resembles *Kill Bill*, which also borrows heavily from China's distinctive action movies. From the movie:

**Who are you?**  
*Nugunya neon?*  
누구나 넌?

### Sympathy for Lady Vengeance

*Chinjeolhan Geumjassi*

친절한 금자씨

Cut from the same cloth as *Old Boy* (it is done by the same director, Chan-wook Park), this movie stars Young-ae Lee, one of Korea's top ingénue actresses who is known for her innocent roles. Here, she's opened up a can of bad ass and transformed herself into a revenge-seeking murderer. From the movie:

**Do good to yourself.**

*Neona jal hasaeyo.*

너나 잘 하세요.

### My Sassy Girl

*Yeopgijeogin Geunyeo*

열기적인 그녀

If you want to get a Korean girlfriend, watch this movie and learn how to become her servant. If you're in Korea looking for a submissive Asian girl, you're knocking on the wrong door—try Japan. From the movie:

**Do you wanna die?**

*Jugeullae?*

죽을래?

### The Lake House

*Siworae*

시워레

Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves ruined this movie in the American version. *Damn*, the Hollywood remake's time-travel sequences don't make any sense at all!

### A Tale of Two Sisters

*Janghwa Hongryeon*

장화 흥련

Cinderella's and Snow White's evil stepmothers pale in comparison to the Korean stepmom in *A Tale of Two Sisters*. This horror flick is based on the Korean traditional tale *Janghwa*

# CARTOONS))

## MANHWA

만화

### Anime

*Ilbon manhwa yeonghwa*

일본만화영화

Japanese anime is very popular in Korea. *Sailor Moon*, *Pokemon*, *Dragonball* and other classics were airing here way before they were imported to America. If you're an anime fan you'll find a lot of friends in Korea. Let your geek flag fly!

### Animation (usually refers to Korean anime)

*Manhwa yeonghwa*

만화영화

Protagonists in Korean animations are more human than the fantastical, sci-fi characters with magical powers coming out of Japan. Some of the most famous shows are *Dooyi* (도유)—the story of a time-traveling baby dinosaur; *Hani* (하니)—the tale of an orphan girl who becomes a runner; and *Dokgotak* (독고탁)—the story of a poor young boy who becomes a famous baseball player.

### Manga

*Manhwachaek*

만화책

Being a comic-book nerd may not get you laid in the U.S., but you don't need to be shy about reading *manhwachaek* in Korea. It's an accepted part of pop culture and people talk about comic book characters like they're family members. A lot of *manhwachaek* stories get reproduced as TV shows and movies.

*Hongryeon*. Hollywood did a lame version (*The Uninvited*) and failed miserably! Viva Korean movies!

### Swiri

수리

A spy story of North and South Korea. The lead actress, Yun-jin Kim, is probably best known in the U.S. for her role in the TV series *Lost*.

## Mother

*Mother*

마ать

Mothers will do anything for their children, but the mom in this pic really goes to the extreme. When the lead character's retarded but sweet (in her eyes) son is arrested for murder, she decides to independently find the "real" murderer. It's a very uncomfortable psychological thriller with lots of close-up shots chronicling the emotional intensity. You will like it (cuz I tell you to).

Below are popular Korean movies that have been bought/co-produced by Hollywood and opened (and closed quickly) in the U.S.:

## Thirst

*Bakjwi*

복수의

A Christian priest undergoes surgery to become a vampire.

## Host

*Gwoemul*

괴물

A mutated monster attacks Seoul; known as being the first Korean CGI movie entirely produced and animated within the country.

## D-War

*Diwo*

디워

A former comedian, the dinosaur-obsessed Hyung-rae Shim came to Hollywood and made this film, which took seven years. *D-War* deals with Korean mythology of a special 1,000-year-old snake that would eventually become a dragon and rule the world.

## .....Music

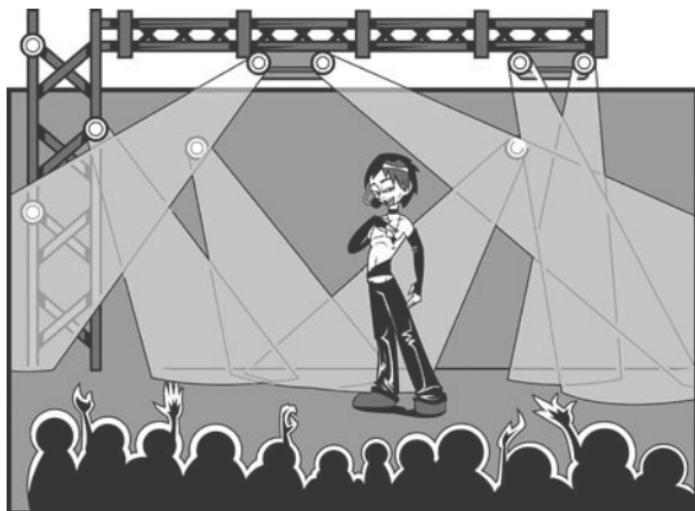
*Eumak*

음악

**Let's listen to some...**

...deutja.

...듣자.



**Let's bump some...**

...teulja.

... 툴자.

**I wanna hear some...**

Na ... deutgo sipeo.

나 ... 듣고 싶어.

**K-pop.**

*pop*

팝

Korean Pop. The biggest K-pop singer is Rain, Korea's answer to Justin Timberlake. He has toured Asia and been in several Hollywood movies. But if you ask me, most of his music sounds are unlistenable, re-hashed '80s pop garbage.

**ballad.**

*ballad*

발라드

Seung-hoon Shin (신승훈) is the Korean king of ballads. (Side note: For some reason, there aren't many female balladeers in Korea.) Most ballads are popularized when they become the theme songs to TV shows.

**rock.**

*rock*

록

Rock is a somewhat strange genre to Koreans; they believe rock singers are dark, weird people. But rockers need not despair: Do-hyun Yoon and a group called Boohwal (부활), meaning “rebirth,” fill this small niche.

**indie.**

*indie*

아인디

You can find a lot of Indie rock musicians in the Hongdae district.

**rap.**

*rap*

랩

My favorite rap group is Drunken Tiger. Their lyrics are genius.

**reggae.**

*reggae*

레게

Gun-mo Kim (건모) is a self-proclaimed reggae artist. He's not great, but he's the best we got.

**pop group.**

*pop group*

팝 그룹

When 'N Sync and Destiny's Child were storming the pop charts in the '90s, the boy/girl-band trend caught on in Korea. Since then, there have been several successful groups such as HOT, Super Jr., Sechs Kies, Big Bang, SES and Finkl. Current girl groups Brown Eyed Girls, Wonder Girls (who even toured with the Jonas Brothers) and Girls' Generation have gotten so popular that Chinese imitations have sprung up.

**Do you know how to dance Wonder Girls' "Tell me" dance?**

*Neo Wonder Girls tellmechum chuljjurareo?*

너 원더걸스 텔미|춤 출줄알아?

If you don't know this dance move, you're considered a stranger. Watch it on YouTube to learn it.

# -----Computer / Internet

*Computer / Internet*

컴퓨터 / 인터넷

Korea is at the forefront for adopting and implementing new technology. Even the high-speed Internet that you see in the U.S. is too slow for them—Korea's upgraded their entire infrastructure to the ultra-ultra-fast fiber-optic connection that's not available to all Americans. And to further put Americans to shame, Koreans are rumored to be the best hackers around.

**Cyworld**

*Cyworld*

싸우 월드

Facebook and MySpace may be big in the U.S., but in Korea it's all about Cyworld—everybody's on it.

**Do you have a Cyworld account?**

*Neo cyhae?*

네 싸우 해?

**Online videos**

*Dongyeongsang*

동영상

**Pandora TV**

*Pandora TV*

판도라 텔레비전

Pandora TV is YouTube-plus. It's basically cable shows on the Internet, kind of like podcasts on iTunes.

**Hit me up on AIM.**

**Nate on** eseobwa.

네이트온에서 봐.

**Wanna have a video chat session tonight?**

**Oneul bame hwasangchatting halkka?**

온누리 밤에 화상채팅 할까?

[naver.com](http://naver.com) / [daum.net](http://daum.net)

[naver](http://naver.com) / [daum](http://daum.net)

네이버 / 다음

These sites are the Google and Yahoo search engine equivalents.

**Who needs books when you have search engines?**

**Geomsaek enjini itneunde chaegi waepiryohae?**

검색엔진이 있는데 책이 왜 필요해?

## INSTANT MESSAGING)) CHATTING HALTTAE HANEUNMAL 체팅 할때 하는 말

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*golbaengi*

곡방이

emoticon

*emoticon*

○|오트|콘

OTL / OZL

오트|엔 / 오지|엔

This emoticon is used when you're feeling down and self-deprecating. It's a full-body profile of a human figure down on its hands and knees. O is the head, T is the upper torso and hands and L is the shape of legs. With OZL, the "Z" indicates the figure down on the forearms instead.

hehe

呵呵

keke

ㅋㅋ

=]

^.^

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^o^

Y-Y

ㅠ.ㅠ / ㅠ.ㅠ

**duo.co.kr**

*duo*

듀오

This is the biggest online Korean dating site—like Match.com but not as sleazy.

**We met on a dating site.**

*Uri date ssaiteu eseo mannasseo.*

우리 데이트 사이트에서 만났어.

**My computer is down.**

*Nae computer downdwaesseo.*

내 컴퓨터 다운됐어.

**I've never used a Mac before.**

*Na mac hanbeondo sseobonjeok upsseo.*

나 맥 한번도 써본적 없어.

Macs aren't popular in Korea.

**I saw an iPod yesterday and it was beautiful.**

*Eojae iPod bwatneunde ibbeudeora.*

어제 아이팟 봤는데 이쁘더라.

## .....Cell phone

*Handphone*

핸드폰

Korea leads the world in cell phone technology. Companies are constantly updating the models and it's considered a status symbol to have the most up-to-date phone.

**iPhone**

*A-I-pon*

아이폰

**Samsung Omnia phone**

*Omnia*

옴니아

**LG Prada phone**

*Pradapon*

프라다폰

**Video phone chat**

*Hwasangtonghwa*

화상통화

**Text message**

*Munja*

문자

**Digital Mobil Broadcast**

*DMB*

디지털모빌브로드캐스트

All Koreans can watch TV from their cells if they subscribe to DMB. The signal is strong enough to even work underground. This comes in handy in Korea since so many people use the subterranean public transit system.

## .....Fashion

*Fashion*

패션

Korean fashion trends are lifted directly from America pop culture and Korean TV shows. Whatever popular actors and actresses are wearing instantly becomes trendy.

**Sell-out celebrity**

*Wanpannyeo / nam*

완판녀 / 남

Celebrities who cash in on their fame by shamelessly wearing their endorsement products. And it works—the stuff sells out at stores!

**Check out the trendy hair on that K-pop dude!**

*Jeo hanguk yeonaein yuhaenghan meori style bwa!*

저 한국 연예인 유하은한 머리 스타일 봐!

In 2009, the wavy hairstyle (*mulkyul meori* style; 물결머리) was popular for women and the turban shell hairstyle (*sora meori* style; 소라머리) was big for men.



I love your **retro look**.

Neo **bokgopung** gwaenchanta.

너 복고풍 괜찮다.

White-washed jeans are so **vintage**.

Mul bbajin cheongbajineun **bintiji** lookiya.

물 빠진 청바지는 빈티지 륙이야.

I love Lil Weezy's **hip-hop swag**.

Nan Lil Weezy **hip-hop** style-i joteora.

난 리를 위지 힙합 스타일이 좋더라.

The power tie really makes the **business style**.

Nektaireul maeya **jeongjang style**-iya.

넥타이를 매야 정장 스타일이야.

You can forget about casual Fridays in Korea—all businessmen wear suits. Period.

Korean chicks are always so **trendy**.

Hanguk yeojadeureun eonjena **trendyhae**.

한국 여자들은 언제나 트렌디해.

The **mainstream look** is soooo boring.

Yuhaenghan lookeun neomu jigyeowo.

유행한 룩은 너무 지겨워.

Your mom has **awesome style**.

Neone eommaneun **sikhae**.

너네 엄마는 시크해.

Lookin' **stylish!**

**Meotjaengine!**

멋쟁이네!!

Damn, Lady Gaga is looking **tacky**!

Lady Gaga **chontinanda**.

레이디 가가 촌티난다.

## .....Horror

Gongpo

공포

Koreans love horror stories—they're especially popular in the summer when Koreans watch tons of scary TV shows and movies (in air-conditioned comfort) to forget about the sweltering weather.

**Scary story**

Museowun yaegi

무서운 얘기

Tell me a **ghost story**.

**Gwisinyaegi haejwo**.

귀신얘기 해줘.

**It's scary.**

Museopda.

무섭다.

**Scary school stories**

Hakgyo gwoedam

학교 끄집

Korean people love scary stories about students that die in school. It's one of the more animated topics of conversation that students discuss when hanging out after school.

## **Ghost**

*Gwisin*

귀신

## **Virgin ghost**

*Cheonyeo gwisin*

처녀귀신

Most Korean scary stories have ghosts, but odds are the ghost is a virgin who meets an unfortunate death before marriage. This keeps her coming back to the real world to avenge her wrongful death. Another popular ghost character is called *dalgyal gwisin* (달걀귀신), meaning “egg ghost” because of its lack of face.

## **Exorcist**

*Twoemasa*

도마사

## **Chinese zombie**

*Gangssi*

강시

The Chinese Zombie is prevalent in Korean movies and comics. Normally they can be defeated by a *bujeok* (부적), or paper charm. If only all threats were that simple.

## **Fortune teller**

*Jeomjaengi*

점쟁이

Korean fortune tellers don't use crystal balls to see your future. They ask for names and birthdays to tell your fortune.

### **Tell me my fortune.**

*Jeom bwajuseyo.*

점 봐주세요.

## **Shaman**

*Mudang*

무당

The Korean shaman is typically summoned to comfort ghosts.

## **Korean monster**

*Dokkaebi*

도깨비

Similar to the Japanese *oni*, the *dokkaebi* is a gargoyle-looking character that has its own magic bat called *dokkaebi bangmangi* (도깨비 반방망이). It's known for its mischievous behavior to scare bad people.

### **Death god**

*Jeoseungsaja*

저승사자

This character wears a black outfit with a traditional Korean hat (*gat*; 갓) made of horsetail. He comes to drag you to the underworld.

# SPORTY KOREAN

HANGUK SPORTS YONGEO  
한국 스포츠 용어

Koreans are some of the most competitive people in the world, so they don't mess around when it comes to sports. Soccer is big and anybody who watches the Olympics will know that Koreans kick some serious ass in speed skating. For real, they clean up golds in this sport like nobody's business.

## .....Sports

*Sports / Undong*

스포츠 / 운동

Do you like **sports**?

Neo **undong** joahae?

너 운동 좋아해?

What **sport** do you play?

Neo eotteon **undong** jalhae?

너 어떤 운동 잘해?

**What's your team?**

*Neo nugu pyeoniya?*

너 누구 편이야?

**Who's team are you on?**

*Neo nae pyeoniya je pyeoniya?*

너 내 편이야 제 편이야?

**Who's your favorite player?**

*Niga jel joahaneun sunsuga nuguya?*

니가 젤 좋아하는 선수가 누구야?

**Let's watch...**

*Uri ... boja.*

우리 ... 보자.

**Let's play...**

*Uri ... haja.*

우리 ... 하자.

**basketball.**

*nongu*

농구

**baseball.**

*yagu*

야구

**Strike**

*Heot swing*

헛 스윙

**Home run**

*Home run*

홈런

**volleyball.**

*baegu*

배구

**golf.**

*golf*

골프

**Let's go...**

*Uri ... hareo gaja.*

우리 ... 하려 가자.

**running.**

*dalligi*

달리기 |

**I have a cramp in my leg!**

*Darie jwinasseo!*

다리에 주춠했어!

**Do you want to go for a run?**

*Uri ttwilkka?*

우리 뛰까?

**I'm out of breath!**

*Na sumcha!*

나 숨쳤어!

**swimming.**

*suyeong*

수영

**swimming pool**

*suyeongjang*

수영장

**Tae-hwan Park really tears it up in the pool!**

*Park Tae-hwan jinja mulckaeya!*

태화원 진짜 물개야!

Literally, "Tae-hwan Park is a seal!"

**Billiards**

*Dangu*

당구

**Let's go for a game of billiards.**

*Dangu hanpan hareo gaja.*

당구 한판 하려 가자.

**Inline skating**

*Inline skate*

인라인 스케이트



### Bicycling

*Jajeongeo tagi*

자전거 타기

### Taekwondo

*Taekwondo*

태권도

This martial art is the national sport of South Korea. *Taekwondo* is loosely translated as “the way of the foot and fist” or “the way of kicking and punching.” The basics are taught beginning in elementary school. So don’t fuck with a Korean unless you wanna get your face broke.

### Soccer

*Chukgu*

축구

Believe it or not, Korea is pretty bad ass at soccer. In the 2002 World Cup, not only did they host the event, but they ranked fourth. The event brought the whole Korean community together and everyone dressed in red to cheer for the team. It was common during the Cup to sneak your own alcohol into the games and yell at the refs and opposing players. But Korean fans are pretty polite, in general.

### Shoot!

*Shoot!*

슛!

**Pass the ball!**

*Pass jom hae!*

파스 줘 해!

**Gooooooooal!**

*Goal~in!*

골이니!

**Rec soccer team**

*Jogi chukguhoe*

조기축구회

Some athletically inclined Korean men wake up before the crack of dawn to play soccer with other crazies, I mean other athletically inclined guys, before they all trudge off to work.

## .....Just dance

*Chumchwo*

춤춰

Dancing is really big in Korea, and TV stations feature a lot of popular dance shows. So you best bring your A-game if you're gonna hit the floor.

**Let's dance.**

*Uri chumchuja.*

우리 춤추자.

**You can't dance for shit!**

*Ireon momchi!*

이런 봄치!!

**Hey, don't freestyle, you look like an idiot!**

*Ya, makchum chujima, eolgani gatah*

야, 막춤 추지마, 얼간이 같아!

**I love...**

*Na ... joahae.*

나 ... 좋아해.

**ballet.**

*muyong*

무용

### **B-boys.**

*B-boys*

비|보이즈

Break dancing wasn't popular in Korea until recently, but now it's huge and Korean B-boys are some of the best in the world. The international B-boy competitions are even held in Seoul.

There are many traditional Korean dances (*hanguk jeontong muyong*; 한국 전통 무용) that you may see while visiting.

### **Fan dance**

*Buchaechum*

부채춤

During Korean festivals, female dance teams create beautiful flowers using their bodies and large feathered fans.

### **Mask dance**

*Talchum*

탈춤

The mask dance is an example of the earliest Korean storytelling done through dance. This folk art is a theatrical production that traditionally features male performers—even for female roles.

Check out the Korean film *King and the Clown* (2005)—you'd be surprised how cute the guys can be in drag.

### **Sword dance**

*Kalchum*

각춤

Shamans perform this to summon spirits.

## **.....Cheering**

*Eungwon*

응원

Cheerleaders in Korea are a bit different from the American concept. Most strikingly, many of them are males and they use drums and flags to get the crowd pumped up instead of booty shorts and fake tits. The most famous cheer team was

the Red Devils from the 2002 World Cup. Korean fans amazed the world with their passion and also for their orderliness after the games. Yup, that's right. Koreans can be orderly!

**K-O-R-E-A**

*Dae-han-min-guk*

대한민국

**Keep fighting!**

*Hwaiting!*

하이팅!

**You're playing great!**

*Jalhanda!*

잘한다!

**It's okay!**

*Gwaenchana!*

괜찮아!

**Go team!**

*Uritim jalhanda!*

우리팀 잘한다!

**We are the champions!**

*Uriga championiya!*

우리가 챔피온이야!

**The referee got paid off!**

*Simpansaekki doneuro maesu dwaesseo!*

심판세끼 돈으로 매수됐어!

**Booing**

*Yayu bonaeda*

야유 보내다

**Boo!**

*Woo!*

우!

**This team blows!**

*I tim byeongsingata!*

이 팀 병신같아!

**We suck!**

*Uri jolla mothae!*

우리 좋라 못해!

## .....Winter sports

*Gyeoul sports*

겨울 스포츠

The weather gets pretty cold during the winter in Korea. Schools get about a month off for winter break and it's the best time to enjoy winter sports like snowboarding, skiing, skating and sledding. The best places in Korea for winter activities are Muju (무주) and Gangwondo (강원도).

**Let's ...**

*...tareo gaja.*

... 타려 가자.

**snowboard.**

*Snowboard*

스노우보드

**ski.**

*Ski*

스키

**ice skate.**

*Ice skate*

스케이트

**speed skate.**

*Spid skate*

스피드 스케이트

Korean speed skate teams have been one of the top competitors for this category in Olympics. Even U.S team has hired formal medalist Jae-su Chun as their head coach to enhance the performance.

# '88 SEOUL OLYMPICS)) PALPAL SEOUL OLYMPIC 팔팔 서울 올림픽

The 1988 Summer Olympics were held in Seoul, South Korea. North Korea boycotted the event because it's still officially at war with South Korea. But the Games brought a lot of attention to South Korea and really promoted the country's image. It remains an important event in Korean history.

Hodori

*hodori*

호돌이

Hodori was the beloved, friendly tiger mascot of the Seoul Olympics.

## figure skate.

*Figure skate*

피겨 스케이트

Korea has been known mainly for its speed skaters, but lately the country has gained recognition in the figure skating arena. Even before winning the 2010 Olympic gold medal, Yu-na Kim was making waves in international competitions. So now the whole world knows—Korea's number one!

## sled.

*Sseolmae*

설매

## .....Fitness

*Sinche dallyeon*

신체 단련

## Korean Standard National Exercise

*Gukminchejo*

국민체조

Developed by the South Korean government in the 1970s, gookminchejo is a 12-step series of stretches that every kid does, starting in elementary school. And in order to keep the school

day free for learning, these organized exercises are held before classes start. How thoughtful.

**I'm too fat to do the long jump.**

*Nan jejari meollitwigi hagien neomu ttungttunghae.*

난 제자리 먹히풀기 하기엔 너무 풍뚱해.

**I can do 1,000...**

*Na ... 1,000 gae halsuisseo.*

나 ... 1,000 개 할수있어.

**pull-ups. (men)**

*teokgeori*

턱걸이

In Korea, girls don't really do pull-ups, at least not in the school fitness tests. The gender-specific exercise girls do is called *orae maedalligi* (오래 매달리기), which literally means "dangling." Girls hold the pull-up "up" position (chin above the bar) for as long as their skinny little arms can take it.

**sit-ups.**

*witmom ireukigi*

윗몸 일으키기

**push-ups.**

*pal gupyeopiggi*

팔굽혀펴기

**Benching will get you huge pecs.**

*Benchinghamyeon geunyuk eomcheongnajyeo.*

벤칭하면 근육 엉청나져.

You gotta do **squats** to hit the **glutes**.

*Dari gupigireul haeya eongdeongiga olaga.*

다리굽篙기를 해야 엉덩이가 올라가.

My **abs** are killing me!

*Bae ttaengyeo jukkesseo!*

배 땅겨 죽겠어!

**I'm getting ripped!**

*Na wanjeon ttantanhaji!*

나 완전 짱짱하자!

You're looking toned.

*Mom jom joaboyeo.*

몸 줄 좋아보여.

My whole body is sore.

*Na on mom ssusyeo.*

나 온 몸 쑤서.

## .....Children's games

*Aideul nori*

아이들 놀이 |

Before the invention of addictive sedentary video games, there were simpler juvenile past times that kids enjoyed outside with their friends. With four beautiful and distinct seasons, Korea has always been a huge playground for kids. Some Korean children's games include more physical activity than I would be able to actually do, now that I'm too old and out of shape.

**Top**

*Paengichigi*

팡이 | 치기 |

**Kite**

*Yeonnalligi*

연날리 | 기 |

**Hacky sack**

*Jegichagi*

제기 | 치기 |

**Patty cake**

*Sscessesse*

쎄|쎄|쎄|

**Hopscotch**

*Ttangttameokgi*

땅파먹기 |

# MINI OLYMPICS OF KOREA))

## UNDONGHOE

### 운동회

These mini Olympics are conducted in elementary school and junior high. The whole school gets together and entire families come out to cheer for their kids. It's a lesson in sportsmanship because in Korea, even when you're having fun, you're learning something. For children in Korea, the mini Olympics are as important as the high school prom.

Dodge ball

*Pigu*

피구

Dodge ball is one of the most popular games in mini Olympics.

Here comes my fireball!

*Ja-a, bulkkotshut badara!*

자아, 불꽃슛 밟아라!

Tug of war

*Juldarigi*

줄다리기

Sounds you make when you pull the rope!:

Eucha, eucha!

으차, 으차!

Yeongcha, yeongcha!

영차, 영차!

Relay

*Relay / ieodalligi*

재레이 / 이어달리기

Korean piñata

*Bakteoteurigi*

박테트리

Instead of hitting it with a bat, there are two separate piñatas for each team. Whoever throws many bean bags to pop open the piñata wins this game.

Gonggi

*Gongi*

공기

Gongi is a similar to Jacks. It's played using five colorful plastic tokens called gongitdol. Each player tosses the tokens on the

ground and throws one into the air. They have to scoop up the others and then proceed to catch the airborne one. There are five levels, and players score points by tossing all five gongitdol and then catching them on the back of their hand. Play proceeds until the airborne token is dropped or other tokens are touched or moved unintentionally. It's sort of gay to play this if you are a full-grown man, but the game can be very entertaining.

### **Horseback game**

*Malttukbakki*

말뚝박기 |

Sadly, this game doesn't involve an actual horse. It's a rough game mainly played by boys. Two teams are chosen and one team becomes the horse post. The "horses" make a chain by bending over and sticking their heads between their teammates' legs. The competing team then hops on the back of other team without letting it fall apart. When all the teammates are on the competitors back, the team leader plays Rock Paper Scissors with the other team leader to decide who will be the winner. It's popular with everyone from children to university students.

## -----Traditional Korean games

### **Minsoknori**

민속놀이 |

### **Yut board game**

*Yutnori*

윷놀이 |

Yut is a board game about raising livestock that's usually played during the Korean New Year.

### **Korean wrestling**

*Ssireum*

씨름 |

Of course there has to be a game where guys all get worked up and show their strength. Like sumo wrestling, fat men in diapers rub against each other to knock the other guy down or out of the ring. The winner used to get a bull for the prize, so it was a big deal a long time ago. Now, not so much—it's a dying sport cuz most of the athletes have moved on to Ultimate Fighting.

**The Korean Wrestling Champion of the Year (the strongest man)**  
*Cheonhajangsa*  
천하장사

**Mock cavalry battle**

*Gimajeon*

기마전

Like the game you play in the pool, only on a mass scale. A group is divided into two teams to play a mock cavalry battle in which the “knights” ride on the shoulders of the “horses” who carry them to battle.

**Korean cockfight**

*Daksssaum*

닭싸움

It's not what you think, assuming you were thinking about chickens fighting each other to the death. (If you weren't, you have a dirty, dirty mind and may be addicted to porn.) In the Korean cockfight, two people stand on one leg and support their other leg with their hands. They hop toward each other and try to make their competitor let go of their leg first.



## Korean chess

*Jangi*

장기

Jangi, derived from Chinese Xiangqi, is a strategic board game popular in Korea. The playing board is 9 lines wide by 10 lines long.

## Checkmate!

*Jangiyo!*

장이요!

## Go

*Baduk*

바둑

Featured in the movie *A Beautiful Mind*, Go is a board game noted for its strategic complexity despite its simple rules. The world's Go champions have always been Koreans, not Japanese or Chinese. Perhaps it's time for the international name to be changed to Baduk.

## -----Video games

*Video game*

비디오 게임

Have I mentioned that Korean kids (mostly boys) love to play video games? Guys can sit in front of their computers killing all those little monsters for days without much rest. The addiction is so extreme, it's even killed someone. No, not like the violent American who shot his mom in the head when she took away his Xbox. A Korean teenager was found dead after locking himself in a room for a week. He played video games alone, without sleeping or eating, and his body eventually just stopped working from lack of nutrients and pure exhaustion. Other than that incident, I think video games are actually good for stimulating your brain. Try to battle your way into the world of Korean gamers.

**I can't wait to play the new...**

*Saero naon ... jeongmal hagosipeo.*

새로 나온 ... 정말 하고싶어.

**Lineage and special force.**

근|네|지|

In this popular online game, players can work their way to the pro leagues. They can become professional gamers and make up to \$100,000 per year sponsored by big corporations like LG and Samsung.

**World of Warcraft (WoW).**

*WoW game*

와우 게임

**Starcraft.**

*Starcraft*

스타크 레프트

**The enemy is at 3 o'clock!**

*Jeogi saesi banghyange itda!*

적이 3시 방향에 있다!

**He's using the cheat key!**

*Chiteuki sseunda!*

치트키 쓴다!

**He's using Mat hack!**

*Mathaek sseunda!*

마팅해킹 쓴다!

## .....Gambling

*Dobak*

도박

Seoul's got a gambling area, but Koreans aren't allowed in. Casinos are only for visiting foreigners. So if you wanna be a high roller, you gotta bring your passport to get through the casino doors. Despite these restrictions, Koreans are still known as gamblers and can become highly addicted to betting it all. No worries, though; what they can't get in

their backyard is just a jet ride away in Las Vegas, which has become the all-time favorite tourist destination for Koreans.

### Illegal gambling

*Bulbeobdobak*

불법 도박

**It's only illegal when you get caught gambling.**

*Dobageun hadaga japyeoohsseulttae bulbeobiya.*

도박은 하다가 잡혔을 때 불법이야.

### Bet

*Geolgi*

걸기

**Do you want to bet money?**

*Don geollae?*

돈 걸래?

### Go stop

*Go stop*

고스톱

This game originated from Japan using cards called Hwato. Three players and a banker play. Whoever collects the most matching cards wins the game.

### Ah, I have the shitty card!

*A, tto ssanne!*

아, 또 쌈네!!

### You're short with your point!

*Pibage gwangbagine!*

피박에 강박이네!!

### Jeongseon City

*Jeongseon*

정선

This town is like the Korean Las Vegas, but it's strictly regulated, and you're allowed to enter only three times a month. They check your ID and keep records on how much you spend. But it's not nearly as glamorous as its American counterpart, and the only free drink you'll get is soda. They're trying to make it a more fun

destination by building new resorts, but if you're really itching to gamble, Seoul is still your best bet.

### **Horseracing**

*Gyeongma*

경마

There is a limit on how much you can bet, normally up to 500,000 won (\$500).

### **Bike racing**

*Gyeongryunjang*

경륜장

Yes, there is bike racing that you can go watch and bet on.

### **Bullfighting**

*Sossaum*

소싸움

This is not like Spanish or Mexican bullfighting—no Korean is dumb enough to jump into a ring with a bull. Korean bullfighting, usually held in the countryside, pits two bulls against each other.

# HUNGRY KOREAN

HANGUKSEO  
BAEGOPEULTTAE  
HANEUNMAL

한국에서 배고플때 하는 맛

If you're a vegetarian or vegan, don't come to Korea. Just don't. Korea is a meat country, and if you're not down with that, GTFO. Because of this carnivorous spirit, BBQ is big in Korea—and ridiculously delicious—but it can be pricey, mainly because Korean beef is almost three times more expensive than American beef. So you'll usually find pork being served as the meat of choice at these restaurants. The best Korean BBQ comes from the little hole-in-the-walls that you'll find in any city. Be sure to check one out for an authentic Korean experience.

Even bigger than BBQ is pork belly slices (*samgyeopsal*; 삼겹살). Koreans just looooove this. And dog meat, though not eaten by a large percentage of people, and technically illegal, is still consumed by a small minority—which, though

kind of disgusting, adequately shows you just how much Koreans really, really love their meat.

But of course, man cannot live on meat alone. And that's where rice comes in. Despite a steady decline in the country's rice consumption, Koreans still eat everything with rice. And by everything, I do mean everything. No matter what or when you're eating—be it breakfast, lunch or dinner—it's gonna come with rice.

## .....Hunger

*Baegopeum*

배고파

I'm starving.

*Baegopa.*

배고파.

I am dying of **hunger**.

*Na baegopa jukkeseo.*

나 배고파 죽겠어.

I am dying of **thirst**.

*Na mok malla jukkeseo.*

나 목 말라 죽겠어.

Let's eat!

*Bab meokja!*

밥 먹자!

I could go for some...

*Na ... meokgosipeo.*

나 ... 먹고 싶어.

food.

*eumsik*

음식

chow.

*meogeulkkeo*

먹을 거



**drinks.**

*masilkkeo*

마실거

**beverages.**

*eumryosu*

음료수

**street food.**

*gilgeori eumsik*

길거리 음식

**junk food.**

*bullyang sikpum*

불양식 품

**fast food.**

*fast food*

페스트 푸드

**a sumptuous feast. (also indicates a variety of dishes)**

*jinsuseongchan*

진수성찬

**a good meal.**

*masinneun eumsik*

맛있는 음식

**healthy food.**

*geongangsik*

건강식

## Korean BBQ.

*cheolpangui / sutbulgyi*

철판구이 / 숯불구이

Koreans love beef and pork, but because beef is expensive, the most common meat at a Korean BBQ is pork.

## Chinese food.

*Junguk eumsik*

중국 음식

You can also use *jjankkae* (잔가), which is slangier.

## delivery service.

*baedal*

배달

Almost all restaurants in Korea will deliver takeout without any extra fee or tip. Most delivery boys use motorcycles fitted with stainless steel carriers called *cheolgabang* (첨가방). These spacious cases with interior shelves for stacking plates are so synonymous with delivery service that the word has also become slang for the delivery guys.

## all-you-can-eat buffet.

*muhan refill*

무한 토핑

Some of these pig-out restaurants have a one-hour time limit. To get your money's worth of chow, you'd better learn to quickly stuff your face. It's not so hard to eat fast in Korea, since everyone likes to get things done quickly.

## I'm full.

*Baebulleo.*

배불러.

## I'm stuffed to my neck.

*Mokkaji kkwak chasseo.*

목까지 깍 찼어.

## I'm going to throw up.

*To nawa.*

토 나와.

## I'm going to burst.

*Bae teojigesseo.*

배 터지겠어.

### **Thanks for the meal. (before the meal)**

*Jal meokkeseupnida.*

잘 먹겠습니|다.

It's considered polite to announce that you are thankful for the meal when someone buys you food.

### **Thanks for the meal. (after the meal)**

*Jal meogeosseupnida.*

잘 먹었습니|다.

## **.....Delicious**

*Jinja masisseo*

진짜 맛있어

**Really tasty.**

*Mat jota.*

맛 좋다.

**It melts in my mouth.**

*Hyoeo salsal nokneunda.*

혀에 살살 녹는다.

This is useful when you have really good sashimi.

**It was really good.**

*Neomu masisseosseo.*

너무 맛있었어.

**Yum yum.**

*Yamyam jjepjjeop.*

냠냠 쩝쩝.

**It's sweet and spicy.**

*Maekomhada.*

매콤하다.

**It warms up my body. (hot soup)**

*Eolkeunhada.*

얼큰하다.

## PICKY EATERS)))

### PYEONSIK

#### 편식

It's very common for parents to nag their children into eating all their food, especially vegetables. These are some of the phrases you might hear as mothers attempt to coerce/guilt/scare their picky children into eating what's good for them. You may also use it on your anorexic Korean girlfriend to get extra meat on her!

You will be punished if you don't finish your meal.

*Eumsik namgimyeon beolbada.*

음식 났기|면 벌받아.

You won't grow if you don't eat this.

*Neo igeo an meogeumyeon ki ankeunda.*

너 이거 안 먹으면 커| 안쿤다.

Don't be picky and eat everything.

*Neo pyeonsikhajimalgo golgoru meogeo.*

너 편식하지말고 꼭 고루 먹어.

#### Filling

*Bae chewojinda*

배 채워진다

I am going to order more.

*Chugayo.*

추가요.

## .....Yuck!

*Uek!*

우엑!

Gross!

*Deoreowo!*

더러워!

**This place sucks!**

*Yeogi mateopsseo!*

여기 맛없어!

**What a waste of money.**

*Doni neomuakkapda.*

돈이 너무 아깝다.

**It's disgusting.**

*Igeo yeokgyeowo.*

이거 역겨워.

**It's dirty in there.**

*Geu gage jjieobunhae.*

그 가게 지저분해.

**It's so-so.**

*Geu gage geunyang geurae.*

그 가게 그냥 그래.

**It's too pricey and not good enough.**

*Bissagiman hae.*

비싸가 만 해.

## -----At the restaurant

*Eumsikjeomeseo*

음식점에서

Restaurant service in Korea is generally top-notch. And as a wallet-friendly bonus, the food is really cheap. You can get a gourmet, home-cooked meal for the price of a latte. And the tax and tip are often included, as are constant refills of side dishes called *banchan* (반찬). Most small restaurants don't accept credit cards—cash is king. They also won't bring you a check unless you request it.

Another thing to remember: Don't sit around waiting for your server to take your order or clear your plate; you're expected to call them anytime you want them. Just don't be a dick

about it, though—call them *eonni* (언니; “sister”), or *imo* (이모; “aunt”), in a friendly way. And don’t try to tip servers in Korea, because they might find it insulting. On the other hand, you can’t be too picky about your food. Korean restaurants aren’t like Burger King: You don’t get to have it your way. They don’t like to substitute or leave out ingredients for you. And it’s not common to ask for to-go or doggy bags, either.

### **Excuse me!**

*Jeogjiyo!*

저기요!

### **Over here!**

*Yeogiyo!*

여기요!

This is more commonly used than “excuse me” to call the wait staff. Servers in Korea won’t come to you unless you raise your hand and yell to get their attention!

### **Can we order?**

*Jumuniyo.*

주문이요.

Literally, “Get my order.”

### **What do you recommend?**

*Yeogi mogajiil masisseoyo?*

여기 뭐가 제일 맛있어요?

### **How much is this?**

*Igeo eolmayaeyo?*

이거 얼마예요?

### **How big is the portion?**

*Yangi eottaeyo?*

양이 어때요?

### **What’s in this?**

*Yeogi mogadeureoisseyo?*

여기 뭐가 들어있어요?

**Can I get this?**

*Igeo juseyo.*

이거 주세요.

**Can I get a menu?**

*Menupan juseyo.*

메뉴판 주세요.

**Can I get some water?**

*Muljom juseyo.*

물 좀 주세요.

**Give me my bill.**

*Gyesanseo juseyo.*

계산서 주세요.

**Let's go Dutch.**

*Dutch pay haja.*

더치 | 페이 | 하자.

Older Koreans traditionally take bills and pay for a whole table.

However, the younger generation has adopted the custom of paying for oneself—mostly in an effort to save people from going broke. If you're taking a girl out on a date, though, don't be a cheap bastard. Guys are still expected to treat.

## -----Popular Korean food

*Hangukeui yumyeonghan yori*

한국의 유명한 요리

I love Korean food, and it's not just because I'm Korean. OK, maybe it is, but even non-natives will be amazed at the variety of offerings. The following are some of the tastiest and most popular dishes you'll encounter in your travels.

**Rice**

*Bap*

밥

White rice is the country's main staple and is served in most Korean restaurants. Rice is so integral to the Korean diet, it's also a synonym for "food."

## Mixed-grain rice

*Japgokbap*

잡곡밥

If you visit your Korean friend's family, you'll likely be served a multi-grained mix of rice.

## Kimchi

*Kimchi*

김치 |

This is the most famous Korean side dish. The most well-known to Westerners is the fiery pickled-cabbage variety, but in reality there are more than 50 kinds of kimchis. Don't be afraid to try other variations made with turnips, cucumbers and onions—not all of them are spicy.

## Ramen

*Ramyeon*

라면

Most Korean ramen consists of instant noodles that come in various flavors. It's been said that one university student lived off ramen for a month and died from lack of nutrients. So, I don't recommend eating too many packages, but it's good and cheap food for curing a hangover!

## Udon

*Udong*

우동

This Japanese noodle soup is really popular in Korea.

## Fried fish cakes

*Odaeng*

오뎅

These fried fish cakes, served on a stick, are some of the most popular street foods in Korea. You may also see a sliced version show up in the myriad side dishes brought to the table at a Korean BBQ.



## **Seaweed rice roll**

*Kimbap*

김밥

*Kimbap* is a Korean sushi roll. Mothers pack them for children's field trips—or if you have a lazy mom, she'll give you the 1,000 won (about a \$1) it costs to just buy one.

## **Tempura**

*Twigim*

튀김

Fried food is universally yummy. Even skinny Koreans can't resist the allure of crispy, greasy treats.

## **Spicy rice cake**

*Ddeokbeokgi*

떡볶기

This rice cake dish, flavored with *gochujang* (고추장)—a condiment made with red chilies and fermented soybeans—is perfect for big groups of people at street vendors.

## **Pig-intestine noodle (Korean sausage)**

*Sundae*

순대

I know it sounds gross, but it's one of the tastiest foods I've ever tried. The sausage is stuffed with clear noodles then soaked in pig blood to get its authentic and unique flavor. The dish also comes with a side of pig's ears, intestines and liver. Oink, oink!

## **Bibimbap**

비빔밥

Literally, "mixed rice." A combination of fresh vegetables and marinated meat with rice that you mix with *gochujang*.

## **Black bean noodles**

*Jjajangmyeon*

짜장면

This dish uses the same fermented and salted black beans as seen in Chinese cookery, but *jjajang* (짜장) served over noodles is much thicker than the Chinese version.

## **Jjambbong**

짬뽕

A spicy noodle soup with seafood, *jjambbong* is a Chinese-Korean dish that's served in all Chinese restaurants in Korea.

## **Sushi**

*Chobap*

초밥

Koreans typically like their sushi served nigiri style (raw fish over rice). However, ever since California rolls have become popular in Korea, there have been a lot more fusion maki rolls invented by Korean sushi chefs. How about maki sushi smothered in a sweet yogurt sauce? It just might be your next favorite thing to eat.

## **Sashimi**

*Hoe*

회

Koreans use a spicy sauce called *chogouchujang* (소고추장) for sashimi instead of the traditional wasabi.

## **Live sashimi**

*Hwareohoe*

활어회

You choose a fish from a tank outside the restaurant; the live fish is then prepared for you on the spot. Expect a much thinner cut of sashimi than you're used to in the U.S.—the fresh flesh is so chewy, a thicker slice would make it harder to eat.

## **Pho**

*Weolnam guksu*

육난국수

Vietnamese rice noodle soup with sliced beef.

## **Beef stew**

*Seolleongtang*

설렁탕

Oxtail soup, normally boiled for a day to get all the rich calcium from the bone.

## Pizza

*Pizza*

피자

If you're sick and tired of eating Korean BBQ with rice and crave some American food like pizza, you might not quite get what you're looking for. Pizza in Korea is healthy compared to the U.S. counterpart—it's less greasy and has more nutritious toppings, such as king shrimp, squid and corn.

## Pig's feet

*Jokbal*

족발

## Boiled pig

*Bossam*

보쌈

Chinese cabbage wrap with tender broiled pork.

## Dog stew

*Bosintang*

보신탕

The concept of dog stew sounds pretty repugnant to Americans—most Koreans, too. But those who do eat the canine concoction do so in the belief that it restores health, which is reflected in the dish's name: *Bosin* literally means “restoring health to the body.”

## Sliced rice pasta soup

*Tteokguk*

떡국

Traditional rice cake soup eaten on Lunar New Year's Day.

## Dumpling soup

*Manduguk*

만두국

## Soft tofu soup

*Sundubu*

순두부

## **Kimchi soup**

*Kimchijjigae*

김치찌개

This spicy savory dish is traditionally prepared with pork, but don't be surprised to see pink slices of SPAM floating in the broth when prepared by the home cook. Sounds kinda gross, but it's not. Who would have thought that kimchi and SPAM could go so well together?

## **Seaweed soup**

*Miyeokguk*

미역국

Koreans always have this on their birthdays. Women who've just given birth also consume this tasty broth, which is high in calcium and iron. Presto—the association with birthdays.

## **Korean pancake**

*Buchimgae*

부침개

A savory, wheat flour pancake served as an appetizer or snack. It can include kimchi (surprise), green onions or even squid. The plain ones with just green onions are called *pajeon* (파전); they are good with soy sauce.

## **Shaved ice**

*Patbingsu*

팥빙수

Shaved ice with red bean sauce, topped with mochi balls and fruit. It's the bomb.

## **Fried chicken**

*Tongdak*

통닭

I don't want to brag, but Koreans fry one mean motherfucking chicken!

# .....Fast food

*Fast food*

패스트 푸드

**Bunsikjeom**

분식점

These Korean fast-food restaurants are like gourmet AM/PMs. You can get food freshly cooked in front of you, or just pick up some convenient and cheap Korean pre-packaged grub.

**McDonald's**

맥도날드

**KFC**

케이에프씨

**Burger King**

버거킹

**Popeye's**

파파이스

**Lotteria**

롯데리아

This Japanese franchise is the McDonald's of Korea.

**Kimbapcheonguk**

김밥천국

Popular chain serving quick, cheap Korean food.

**Kyochon Chicken**

교촌치킨

Popular franchise serving chicken with sweet and spicy seasoning.

**Two Two Chicken**

둘둘치킨

I am not a big fried-chicken fan, but damn this is legit!

## **Mr. Pizza**

☞ 스타 피자

This is the most famous pizza chain in the country. Nice native twist: The crust here is made out of sweet potato.

## **Red Mango**

레드 망고

Italy has their gelato. Americans have their ice cream. Koreans have their frozen yogurt. Red Mango is the most well-known of Korean yogurt chains and has even become successful in the U.S.

## .....Cafés

Cafe

캬페

Cafés in Korea are very fancy. American franchises like Starbucks are just like the ones in the U.S. However, you'll find some Korean twists at the native coffeehouse chains—latte flavors such as sweet potato and green tea cater to a decidedly Asian palate.

### **Should we go to a coffee shop to talk?**

*Uri coffee shope gaseo yaegihalkka?*

우리 커피 숲에 가서 얘기할까?

### **Let's go to a...**

... gaja.

... 가자.

### **Korean country coffee shop.**

*Dabang*

다방

There aren't many *dabangs* left these days, but in those that are still around, you'll often find your coffee accompanied by a lady of loose morals, if you catch my drift. Coffee and hookers: a winning combination!

## **Starbucks.**

*Stabucks*

스타벅스

Koreans also call this *byeoldabang* (별다방), literally meaning “star coffee shop.”

## **Coffee Bean.**

*Coffee Bean*

커피빈

Also shortened to just *kongdabang* (콩다방), literally meaning “bean coffee shop.”

## **Pendalion's Nostalgia.**

*Mindeulle Yeongto*

민들레 영토

Located all around university campuses, these cafés provide private study rooms and unlimited coffee refills. Most students like to stick around and study for a few hours. They're cool, but a bit expensive.

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